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Willy Brandt coming in June

Jerusalem Post Reporter

West German Chancellor Willy Brandt will visit Israel in June, it was learned last night from authoritative government sources.

Mr. Brandt will be the first prime minister of a major Western power to visit Israel while still in office. Preparations have already been made in Jerusalem and Bonn for the Chancellor's visit, which is expected to last about a week. Mr. Brandt is expected to hold at least two days of talks with Prime Minister Golda Meir and other government leaders during his stay in Israel.

West German Cabinet Minister Egon Bahr is expected to accompany the Chancellor, whose retinue will also include about 100 German newsmen.

Lack of clarity on USSR tax

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel is reserving its official reaction on the current relaxation of the Soviet education ransom tax, since no one is sure whether it represents the repeal of the tax or only a temporary change in policy.

Foreign Minister Mr. Abba Eban spoke briefly in the Cabinet yesterday about reports of the tax being waived in scores of cases.

Observers in Jerusalem said they could form an assessment of the relaxation until some official statement was issued by the Soviets clarifying the position. So far, they noted, no authoritative Soviet source has said anything about the relaxation — they did not consider Moscow journalist Victor Lewis, reportedly close to the Kremlin, an authoritative source. (Mr. Lewis wrote last week that the tax would not be implemented, although it would remain on the statute book.)

Israeli air-to-air missile to be shown

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

Israel tomorrow unveils an air-to-air missile developed and manufactured by the Weapons Development Authority — Raphael.

The missile has been operational for over two years and has been used successfully in combat.

According to foreign sources, the missile operates with infra-red, electro-magnetic and radar homing devices, and carries a 15 kg. warhead. Its range is believed to be slightly under 20 kilometres.

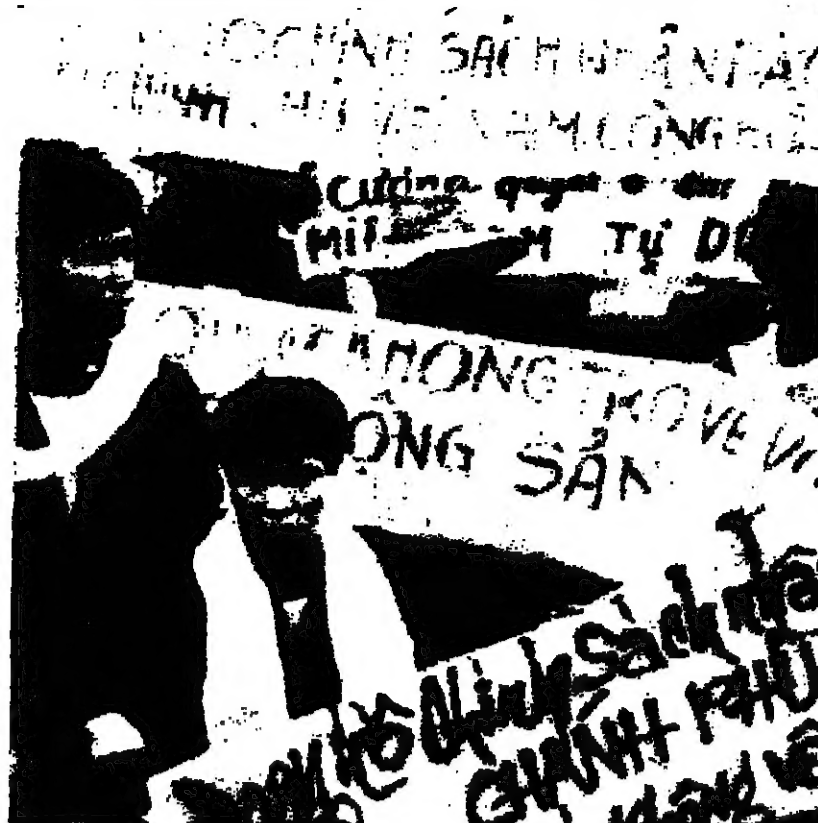
Uganda border with Tanzania is quiet

NAIROBI (Reuters). — Uganda and Tanzania waged a battle of words during the weekend but last night the invasion which Uganda claimed its neighbour was about to launch had not materialized.

Tanzania's Defence Minister Edward Sokoine said the frontier was calm and repeated his government's earlier statement that the Uganda claim that a Tanzanian invasion force was poised on the border was "absolute nonsense."

A Somali inspection mission is currently in Tanzania to investigate the situation. Tanzania says it will report on whether or not it has found the 3,500 member invasion force.

The Independent British Sunday newspaper "The Observer" said yesterday Uganda has bought 80 French armed personnel carriers fitted with surface-to-surface missiles.



A group of Vietnamese and North Vietnamese prisoners of war who refused to be repatriated yesterday, display anti-Communist and pro-Saigon banners during demonstration at Bien Hoa air base. See story on page 4.

NIXON WON'T PULL OUT TROOPS UNTIL LAOS POWs FREED

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida (Reuters).

President Nixon yesterday ordered U.S. troops to remain in South Vietnam until nine American prisoners held in Laos had been included among the last captives to be freed by Hanoi and the Vietcong.

The President acted after North Vietnam submitted a list of 107 prisoners held in Hanoi — whom they promised to release on Tuesday and Wednesday — while disclaiming all responsibility for the seven military and two civilian personnel held in Laos by the Pathet Lao.

A statement issued by the Florida White House here stated that there would be U.S. forces in Vietnam until all American prisoners throughout Indochina had been released. The White House estimated that about 6,000 American troops remained in South Vietnam.

The deadline over the troop withdrawal and prisoner release was complicated further by the Vietcong, which said that the freeing of the last 32 Americans in their hands depended on a pledge to pull out all U.S. force commission personnel and Marine security guards by next Thursday.

SEVEN DEAD ON ROADS

Seven persons were killed in road accidents during the weekend, six of them in two head-on collisions, both between a car and a truck.

Four of the deaths occurred in a collision between a car and an army truck on the southern highway near Sderot yesterday evening. All the victims were in the car. Three other car passengers were seriously injured. One of the truck's passengers was slightly injured. Soldiers in the truck helped to extricate the car's injured passengers, who were taken to Ashdod Hospital by ambulance and military vehicles.

The names of the dead and injured were not released last night, pending notification of next of kin.

A girl-soldier, Lillian Hecht, 19, was killed when the Carmel army car she was driving collided on Friday with a truck loaded with gravel on the Yahud road near the Avia Hotel. The passenger next to her, Mordechai Mesliti, 25, of Givat Shmuel, was also killed instantaneously.

A truck driven by a resident of Moshav Beit Yosef struck Ian Pughatch, 17, as he crossed the road at the corner of Derech Haifa and Rehov Arlosoroff in Tel Aviv on Saturday. He died shortly after being admitted to Ichilov Hospital.

Three persons were injured, one of them seriously, when an empty bus driven by a watchman employed by Egged — who reportedly was not licensed to drive a bus — collided with a military jeep in Beersheba Saturday night. The watchman left the scene after an argument with the jeep's injured passengers, and was arrested by police later.

A complete withdrawal of U.S. troops by next Wednesday linked over their ill-defined common border, a minister said here yesterday.

Mr. Hussein said he hoped the Iraqi team would arrive as soon as possible. "We want to settle this problem immediately," he said. "The conflict is harmful for both countries, and is against Arab interests."

Mr. Hussein disclosed that a law for compulsory military service for every Kuwaiti is now under preparation.

Mr. Hussein said he believed "everything will be cleared up" when the Iraqi delegation arrives. He added that some other Arab leaders might attend a meeting between the Iraqi and Kuwaiti sides.

The ruler of Kuwait, Sheikh Sabah al Salim al Sabah, presided over a Cabinet meeting here yesterday and Mr. Hussein said the Emir gave the Cabinet his opinion and his instructions on the border problem.

AIMED TO OVERTHROW GOV'T Turki group all guilty on all counts; sentences today

By YA'ACOV ARDON

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — The District Court yesterday found five of the six main defendants in the spy trial here guilty on all counts of organizing a Syrian-sponsored espionage and sabotage ring aimed at overthrowing the Government.

The five, two Jews and three Arabs, led by Haifa bookseller David Turki, 45, are to be sentenced this morning. To be sentenced with them is the sixth ringleader, former Haifa Arab University student leader Simon Hadad, who was convicted at the trial's start a month ago after admitting membership in a hostile organization and contact with a foreign agent.

The two Jewish defendants, former kibbutznik and paratrooper Ehud Adiv, 26, and mathematics teacher Dan Vered, 28, are the first native-born Israeli Jews to be convicted of espionage. Each admitted taking sabotage training in Syria. The remaining two convicted yesterday are Anis Karawi, 23, of Shfar'am and Subhi Na'arani, 28, of Bismat Tivon.

The group is the first of 33 defendants standing trial for membership in the ring, which security forces say they rounded up before it could carry out sabotage missions here.

The court yesterday found the five guilty on all counts — belonging to and leading an illegal organization, giving the enemy security information, meeting enemy agents and travelling to an enemy country — Syria. Prosecutor Yitzhak Grabil demanded the maximum penalty — life (in effect 20 years) — for all but Vered and Hadad. He asked that the latter two be given something "near the maximum." Sentencing was put off till today to allow time to hear character witnesses.

The courtroom was crowded to capacity yesterday with the accused's families and friends, the press (including four TV cameras), police and defence counsel when, at 9 o'clock, Judges Emmanuel Slonim, Avraham Friedman and Luba Fortuna began to read their verdict.

The judges began by ruling that the six accused had belonged to an underground organization aimed, in the long run, at the violent overthrow of the government.

They then noted that none but Na'arani had retracted the voluminous statements they had made to their interrogators, and pointed out that Na'arani's allegations of coercion had failed to stand up in court.

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All but Hadad had gone to Syria (via Turkey or Greece) to train in the use of arms and explosives, to learn codes, and to transmit information, the verdict declared, and they had been awaiting sabotage materials. Furthermore, Turki, Adiv and Na'arani had recruited others to the ring.

None of the accused had called defence witnesses, the judges noted, and all had been aware of the nature and purpose of their organization. Vered had claimed to object to the use of violence, but had admitted going to Damascus to train in the use of explosives and arms. His plea of acting only out of friendship for Ehud Adiv was improbable and he had not sounded truthful under examination, the judges said.

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French search Arabs at Channel ports

By JACK MAURICE

PARIS. — Arabs bound for Britain aboard ferry boats from French and Belgian ports were subjected to intense body and baggage searches yesterday following an anonymous telephone threat to hijack a vessel crossing the English Channel.

French police in Calais said a call purporting to come from the Black September terrorist organization announced that a ferry boat would be seized while at sea.

The police said they had not been able to establish the origin of the phone call but were intensifying their security precautions in order to avoid any risks to travellers.

A transport official said the police had tripled the number of agents watching departures of the ferries to Dover.

In Paris, the weekly news magazine "Le Point" said French officials are considering the possibility that an alleged Black September network in France was run by the Israeli secret service, UPI has reported.

In its section entitled "Confidential," the magazine said: "A hypothesis held by French services following the dismantling in France of a Black September network — the Palestinian and Jordanian agents were set up and directed by Israeli counter-espionage extremists."

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STRESS ON MILITARY ACTION Sadat said taking over Cairo Cabinet

CAIRO (UPI). — The 14-month-old government of Premier Anwar Sadat has resigned to pave the way for President Anwar Sadat to take personal command of the Cabinet and launch a new domestic and foreign policy programme, political sources said yesterday.

They said Sadat will announce his resignation at a joint meeting of Parliament and the Central Committee of the Arab Socialist Union scheduled for 11 o'clock this morning.

The A.S.U.'s General Secretariat met yesterday, but no statement was issued after the meeting.

The political sources said Sadat also was expected to tell the nation's political leaders he will assume the presidency himself to guide the day to day implementation of his new programme. They said the programme would be aimed at gearing the nation more actively to a military confrontation with Israel to regain occupied territory.

The trend toward greater militancy in the country's posture might be reflected by the inclusion of more military men in the Cabinet under Sadat. The 31-member outgoing Cabinet included only five military men.

POLICY UNCHANGED

The political sources emphasised, however, that Sadat's new programme did not mean that he had completely given up his search for a peaceful settlement of the conflict with Israel or had closed the door on further dialogue with the U.S.

They said his two-pronged policy of seeking an honourable peace settlement while preparing for battle remained basically unchanged but that the new reorganization is meant to lay greater emphasis on the possibility of military action.

Issam Abdel-Koudous, editor of the weekly "Alkhabr el Yom" and friend of Sadat, gave a clear indication of things to come in an article on Saturday entitled "The Search for a New Stage."

Abdel-Koudous said that since the search for a peace formula in the present static situation of no war, no peace had proved fruitless so far, a new situation must be created on the Vietnam pattern. He said the Vietnam pattern saw attempts at a peaceful settlement and military action continue side by side for four years.

The newspaper "Al Akhbar" said yesterday, "We are past the stage of war economy. We are face to face with major sacrifices requiring adequate spiritual and material preparation on our part. The sacrifices facing us are too big to be calculated in figures," it said.

"Al Akhbar" said in a front-page story that today's joint session will result in "drastic changes in the domestic political structure on both the executive and administrative levels to suit the requirements of the new stage and the strategy of using all resources for the liberation of the land."

Speculation was rife in political circles on the future of 52-year-old Premier Sadat. The guessing was Sadat would become either Deputy Premier to Sadat or a third Vice-President.

There was no confirmation from Cairo to the UPI report. The Egyptian state radio, nevertheless, indicated last night that radical changes in Cairo's political establishment were expected to be announced by President Sadat this morning. The radio last night noted that Egyptian War Minister General Ahmed Ismail Ali spent all day yesterday among troops stationed along the Suez Canal.

Cairo's emphasis on military action was yesterday coupled with an Egyptian Parliament statement which said that Egypt was determined to "stand fast, make sacrifices and fight for the liberation of its occupied territory." The Parliament statement blasted the U.S. for its recent announcement on continued military support for Israel, saying that Washington's position was "a provocation aimed at compelling the Arab peoples to surrender" to Israel.

Medici due here today Italian Foreign Minister urges Canal opening

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Italy's Foreign Minister, Giuseppe Medici, who is due here today for an official visit, yesterday called on all Mediterranean nations to work for the reopening of the Suez Canal.

In a speech in Trento, North Italy, Mr. Medici said the Canal "should be a waterway at the service of all peoples." Its closure had "created a grave problem," he said, turning the Mediterranean into "an internal sea, as it was a century ago."

Mr. Medici recently visited Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Lebanon. During his visit to Israel, he will discuss the Middle East conflict with Prime Minister Golda Meir and with his opposite number, Mr. Abba Eban.

Reuters quotes informed sources in Rome as stating the main purpose of Mr. Medici's visit will be to get Israel's latest thinking on the Middle East following Mrs. Meir's visit to the U.S.

Italy, which has suffered from the closure of the Suez Canal and has a long Mediterranean coastline, is particularly keen to see a peaceful settlement in the region. Last month Mr. Medici described the Mediterranean area as "the priority theme of Italian foreign policy."

Italy felt it was in Europe's interest to keep up to date on Middle East developments so it would not be left on the sidelines if the U.S. and the Soviet Union produced a solution, the sources said.

Soon after his arrival early this afternoon, Mr. Medici and his party of five, including Foreign Ministry officials will hold their first working session with Mr. Eban and his top officials at the Knesset. In the evening, Mr. Eban will give an official dinner for Mr. Medici at the King David Hotel.

Mr. Medici, 68, has been a Senator since 1948 and has served as Minister of Finance, Education, Commerce, Budget and Administrative Reform in various Italian Governments. A Christian Democrat, he was a professor of economics before starting his political career.

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	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min.-Max.	forecast
Jerusalem	13	9-20	12-24
Golan	20	2-16	7-18
Nahariya	23	6-21	7-22
Safed	23	6-16	8-20
Haifa	17	8-22	12-26
Tiberias	24	8-26	10-30
Nazareth	23	6-20	8-25
Afula	21	8-25	8-28
Shomron	18	10-22	13-25
Tel Aviv	23	8-24	10-28
Lod	23	8-27	9-32
Jericho	22	6-30	11-35
Gaza	62	8-19	10-28
Beerseba	16	8-29	10-30
Eilat	16	18-28	16-30
Tiran	34	17-28	18-30

Social and Personal

The Secretary of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate, Mr. L. Hanna, gave a reception at his residence in Jaffa yesterday to mark Greek Traditional Day. The Greek Diplomatic Representative in Jerusalem and Mr. Dimitri C. Petrou, were among those present.

A copy of a newly published book on Tiberias by the historian Oded Avissar was presented to Mr. David Ben-Gurion by Mayor Moshe Tzahar yesterday. Mr. Ben-Gurion is vacationing in Tiberias.

Dr. P.A. Marks of the Department of Medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, New York, will lecture on "Hemopoietic Cell Differentiation," today, at 12 noon in Hall "Yav," Second Floor, Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, Elin Karem.

MEMORIAL MEETING
On the occasion of the first anniversary after the death of Moshe Shach, a memorial meeting was held last night in Beit Agnon, Jerusalem. Speakers included Ministers Moshe Kol and Zerach Warhaftig.

ARRIVALS
The President of the Jewish Colonization Association (JCA), Sir Henry Goldsmid, to chair a meeting of the association's executive.
The President of the West Bank's parliament, Mr. Walter Sickert, heading a delegation of 16 municipal department heads and chiefs of building workers unions which have landed in a subsidiary of Shikun Ovdim.

DEPARTURES
Mr. Abraham Ofer, M.K., Managing Director of Shikun Ovdim, to London to raise capital for the Histradut housing company.
Mr. Yisrael Kessar, head of the Youth and Sports Department of the Histradut, to London, to attend an international conference on health, welfare and pensions.

Costa Rican V.P. leaves for home
LOD AIRPORT. — Costa Rica's Vice President, Dr. Manuel Aguilar Bonilla left for home yesterday after a week's official visit. Dr. and Mrs. Aguilar were seen off by Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu.

Dr. Aguilar described his talks with Premier Golda Meir and Foreign Minister Abba Eban as "most successful." He lauded Israel's maintenance of the Christian holy places which he visited during his stay. (Itim)

Inter-parliament chief arrives as Knesset guest
LOD AIRPORT. — The General Secretary of the Interparliamentary Union, Mr. Pio-Carlo Terenzi, arrived yesterday evening for a visit as guest of the Knesset. He said on arrival that his main purpose is to discuss increasing the cooperation between the Knesset and his union. He will use the opportunity to study the area's problems. He ends his visit on Friday when he crosses the Jordan. (Itim)

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Ben-Aharon: Security in a peace treaty

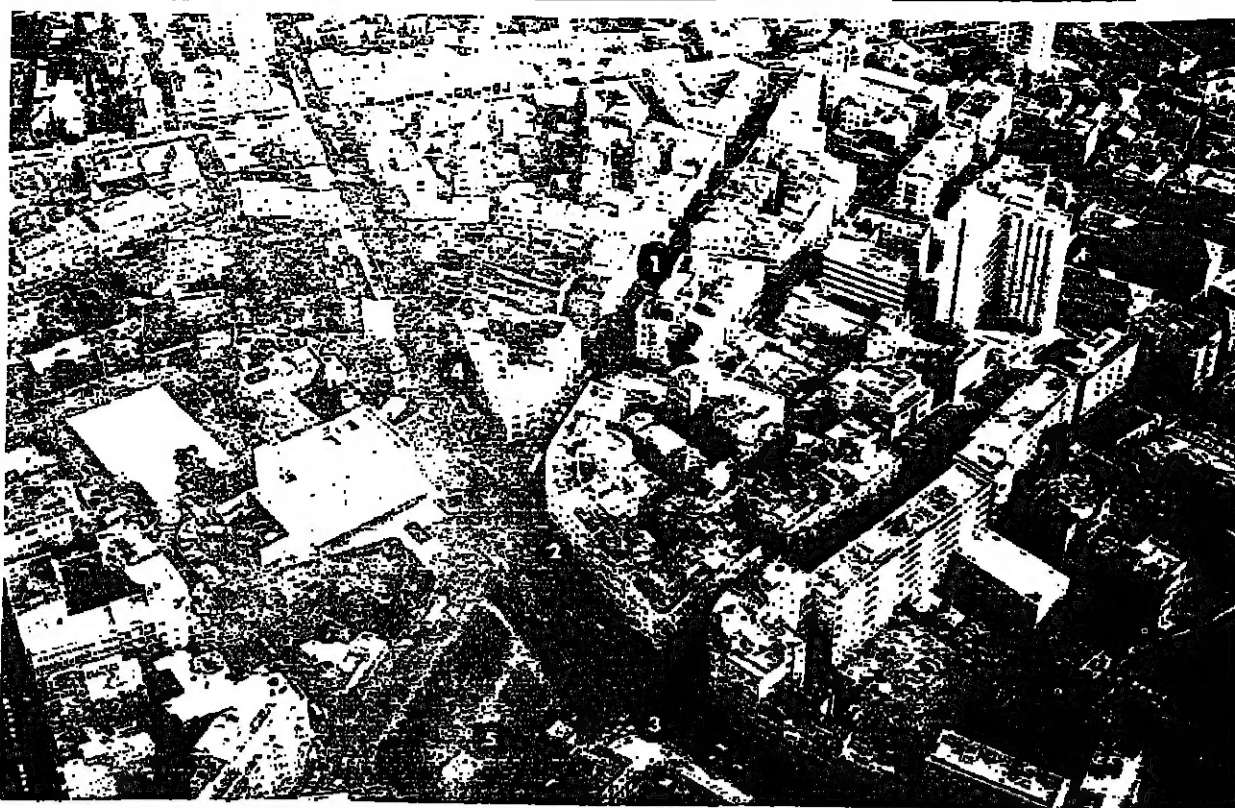
By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
PARIS. — Mr. Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, Secretary-General of the Histradut, said Sunday that Israel's security depended on a peace settlement with the Arabs, not on more massive arms deliveries and military superiority.
Mr. Ben-Aharon was addressing the "Assizes of Judaism," an international rally of Mapam sympathizers organized by the French left-wing international group Cercle Bernard Lazare during a four-day visit to Paris.
The Israeli labour leader said, "Israel's principal problem is to bring peace closer. Without peace we will have no answer to our security problem. Some people say deliveries of Phantoms and crushing military superiority give security.
"But security lies in peace. The question is how to bring peace nearer."
Mr. Ben-Aharon said the Israeli-in-the-street could identify himself with the search for peace thanks to open debate in the government, Knesset and press.
He went on, "This is a procedure which has no parallel among the Arabs. They have no free parliament, political parties or public opinion. That is the tragedy."
Defending Israel's treatment of its Arab population, he said: "I challenge you to give me a single example of a victorious country in war which has conducted itself so well in the territories under its administration."

Hadera rally planned for Bir'im-Ikrit
TEL AVIV. — Archbishop Joseph Raya, head of the Greek Catholic Church in Israel, yesterday announced a mass demonstration set for Saturday near Hadera on behalf of the Bir'im and Ikrit evacuees.
Bishop Raya heads the public committee promoting the return of the evacuees to the two villages near the Lebanese border from which residents were evacuated during the War of Independence. Today, nearly half of the 235 families from Bir'im and 200 families from Ikrit live at Gush Halav and Rama in Galilee, while most of the others live in the Acre and Haifa area.
Bishop Raya said evacuees from some 15 other villages have sought his help in securing their return. He had told them all to apply to the Supreme Court. The cases of Bir'im and Ikrit were different, he said, because the Supreme Court had ruled in their favour 22 years ago, before the Government enacted emergency security regulations making the evacuation legal.
A member of the public committee, Mr. Alex Massis, announced that a Jewish-Arab council had been formed for the Bir'im and Ikrit evacuees. He said former Minister Pinhas Rosen and Mordechai Bentov and former Knesset Member Moshe Ussas were among the 300 persons who had joined the council.

Defence mission chiefs meet here
Heads of the Defence Ministry's missions abroad are being briefed in Tel Aviv this week on developments in their fields by various members of the General Staff. During the week they will also tour the defence establishment's various installations and study the possibilities of expanding production for defence purposes and foreign sales.
The course opened with a lecture on current plans by Rav-Aluf (res.) Zvi Tsur, Special Assistant to Minister of Defence Moshe Dayan. Mr. Dayan will summarise the conference's work at the end of the week.

Arye Gellman, 86, Mizrahi leader
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Arye Leib Gellman, Honorary Chairman of the World Centre of Mizrahi-Hapoei Hamizrachi, died yesterday afternoon at the Assuta hospital here, aged 86. He is to be buried at 10.30 this morning in the Sanhedria cemetery, Jerusalem.
The author of eight books of Torah studies, he was on the editorial board of "Hatzofeh" daily newspaper. He represented the Mizrahi at several Zionist Congresses, was a member of the Zionist General Council, and served as chairman of the Talmudic Encyclopedia and of the board of Yeshiva Kerem Be'Yavne, among other public positions.

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Aerial photo shows Jerusalem's downtown "triangle" where new traffic patterns go into effect after the Independence Day parade. Traffic on Ben-Yehuda Street (1) will flow from Histradut Street (arrow) either east towards Zion Square or west towards King George (2). Ezeri Street (3), presently a dead-end, is to be opened to traffic.
Eliash Street (4) behind the Hamashbir department store, presently an unimportant side-street, will at a later stage be turned into a major north-south road to take some of the load off King George. The sunken garden at the corner of Ben-Yehuda and King George known as Bor Sheba (5) is the planned site of an underground parking lot.

Major traffic changes in J'lem

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Jerusalem's Ben-Yehuda Street will soon have the distinction of becoming a one-way street running in two directions.
From mid-May, traffic will no longer be able to turn east down into Ben-Yehuda from King George St. Instead, entry will be from Histradut Street, the first street on the right down from King George. Approaching from here, cars will either turn down Ben-Yehuda towards Zion Square as at present, or turn in the opposite direction back towards King George.
The split flow, part of a far-reaching change in the downtown traffic pattern, is preliminary to converting Ben-Yehuda into a pedestrian-only street, which is scheduled for next year.
Construction of the road through Independence Park from Agron Street to Hillel St. will be carried out during the coming fiscal year. Most of the 400-metre stretch will not be covered over and landscaped so the park itself will not be sliced in two.
A "green wave" system of coordinated traffic lights will also go into effect in May on Jaffa Road and King George St. The Transportation Ministry intends to replace the existing traffic lights at Zion Square, which either glow in red or blink in amber, with conventional red, green and amber lights. The Ministry maintains that the present lights confuse out-of-town drivers on their way to the Old City. It had intended to install the new lights this month although they would have to be uprooted to make way for the Independence Day military parade on May 7. The cost of uprooting and reinstalling would have been IL\$7,000, but delay in arrival of equipment has persuaded the ministry to wait until after Independence Day after all.
OTHER CHANGES
The following are other changes due to go into effect after the parade:
Shamai St., which runs parallel to Ben-Yehuda, will be made one-way eastbound. A new traffic light

will be installed at the corner of King George and Hillel, which will permit traffic for the first time to make a left from King George. Hillel will be one-way down to Histradut. Beer Street, at present a dead-end street between the old Knesset on King George and the sunken "Bor Sheba" garden, will be opened to traffic, permitting cars coming from Shmuel Hanagid to reach Zion Square via Hillel, Histradut and Ben-Yehuda. The upper part of Ben-Yehuda between King George and Bezalel, presently two-way, will be made one-way westbound.
In later stages, Jaffa Road will be widened to six lanes from the entrance to the city to Eliash Street, one block west of King George, behind Hamashbir department store; (the right-of-way is presently being acquired along the south side of the street). Eliash itself will be widened and turned into a major north-south thoroughfare thus taking the load off King George. The latter will be made one-way and its sidewalk will be widened. Underground parking lots are to be developed in Bor Sheba which will be covered with a park and in the square opposite Beit Mehanes at the foot of Hillel.
All these changes, a planning official said last night, are an attempt to avert major road building projects by the improvement of traffic patterns.

ORTHODOX RABBIS ABROAD: Israeli identity card 'not proof of Jewishness'

LOD AIRPORT. — A conference of orthodox rabbis decided in New York last week that orthodox rabbinical courts will no longer accept an Israeli identity card as proof of Jewishness.
Rabbi Meir Herlig of New York reported this yesterday on arrival for a brief visit. He said rabbis from Canada, Britain, France and other countries supported the move at the conference.
The decision grew out of fear that the Israel Government registered as Jews persons who had not undergone conversion or who had been converted by Reform rabbis.
Rabbi Herlig said the rabbis' decision would remain in effect until the Law of Return was amended to recognize only Orthodox conversions. He said the conference's decision is binding on some 600 orthodox rabbis in the U.S. and Canada. (Itim)

MARRIAGE FEES UP
PETAH TIKVA. — The fees for marriage licences and for ritual slaughtering are to be raised shortly, and at the same time Religious Council officials concerned will be strictly forbidden to request alms or donations beyond the stipulated fees. This was announced yesterday by Mr. Dov Knobel, Director of the Religious Councils division of the Ministry for Religious Affairs, at a national conference here of heads of religious councils. (Itim)

Hospital opening barred

SAPAD. — The Mayor of Safad prevented the new Government Hospital here from opening on Friday, stating the wastes from the hospital are likely to pollute nearby Wadi Amud, whose waters flow into Lake Kinneret.
Mayor Eliahu Kadosh issued an administrative order against the hospital, saying it would not be permitted to open its maternity and pediatrics wards unless septic tanks and other installations for purifying wastes were installed. The other hospital wards are due to open during the next few months.
The hospital's director, Dr. Mordechai Ravid, yesterday met with Health Ministry Director-General Dr. Baruch Padah in Jerusalem to discuss the legality of the mayor's order. As of last night the Ministry spokesman had no information on the outcome of the discussions.

GUILTY ON ALL COUNTS

(Continued from page one)
spoken where the extremists are usually silent." Mr. Yehoshua said he did not know that in 1963 Haddad had belonged to the later outlawed EL-Ard Arab nationalist organization.
When the prosecution's turn came District Attorney Grabli was grim in his plea for maximum terms for all but Haddad and Vered. "These are the gravest security cases since 1948," he said. "The six men — citizens and residents of Israel — belonged to a ring similar to an Arab terrorist organization and could have done incalculable harm had the security authorities not stopped them."
The prosecution wanted a penalty that would discourage others from similar acts, he said. But it would be satisfied with "life" sentences for four and "close to that" for Vered and Haddad.
District Attorney Grabli explained that, in practice "life" meant 20 years.
RINGLEADER
Going over each of the cases, the prosecutor noted that ringleader Turki had been active for over three years, first through an Egyptian and later with Kahawaji in Syria.
Adiv, who on his two meetings abroad with a foreign agent had passed "very damaging information," had as a student and paratrooper been "worth his weight in gold" to the enemy. He had "betrayed his people and his country."
Subhi Na'arani had already been sentenced for espionage when he was 19 years old. Hardly had he been released when he became Turki's right-hand man. Vered, an intellectual, aware of what was at stake, had gone to Syria, passed information, undergone sabotage training, and monitored Damascus Radio for sabotage messages. Only because the information he passed was of little military value did the prosecution ask for less than a life sentence. Mr. Grabli declared.
Anis Kassar had a previous security conviction and, like the others, had been in Syria to train. Haddad, an intellectual with leadership qualities, had known the true nature of the ring and served as Turki's deputy. It was not certain when and whether he had withdrawn from the ring.
For Haddad the prosecution asked a term of "close to 15 years."
The defence counsel pleaded for leniency on various grounds. Turki and Na'arani should be viewed against the background of the Israel-Arab conflict, Mr. Ali Rafa said. As Arabs they were in a dilemma, with the enemy a part of their nation and the enemy agent (Kahawaji) a personal friend. Neither Turki nor Na'arani had expressed regret, and they had not asked for mercy, their counsel said, as they saw their struggle as just.
They deserved consideration for having confessed freely.
He noted that since through the open bridges policy "you can have breakfast in Kuwait and supper at the Dan Carmel," his clients had not regarded a trip to Syria as particularly grave.
PLEADS FRIENDSHIP
For Ehud Adiv, attorney Shlomo Toussia-Cohen pleaded that the information he gave the Syrians was not of much value. He had expressed regret at his breaches of the law, though he did not deny his revolutionary views. Vered's lawyer Ram Caspi said his client had acted only out of friendship for Adiv, and had only wanted to talk ideology with Arabs abroad. He had cooperated with his interrogators.
Karawi's counsel, Mr. Hashem Shehadeh, said his client was a minor figure, had not known Turki, and had been inactive after his return from Syria. Haddad's lawyer, Mr. Rafael Inbar, argued that Haddad had voluntarily severed all links with the ring two years ago, had not trained for sabotage, and had passed no information. Two years was all he deserved, attorney Inbar declared.
Tension rose in the court when the accused made their personal statements. Turki made a forthright declaration of his Arab nationalist and Socialist convictions. Syria to him was not an enemy country. He sought no leniency. If the sentence were death, he would accept it, Turki declared.
Ehud Adiv said he was guided by ideology and that the charge of

Labour lobbying for Katchalski

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party leadership has begun canvassing the support of other parliamentary factions to ensure the broadest possible support for their candidate for President, Professor Ephraim Katchalski. The Knesset meets on April 10, to elect a new president.
Prof. Katchalski is reportedly due to return from the U.S. tomorrow cutting short his scheduled visit.
Meanwhile, the National Religious Party has started sounding out other parties on support for their candidate, Professor Ephraim Urbach of the Hebrew University. Prof. Urbach has yet to give his consent to run. If he does he can be assured the votes of the other two religious parties (Agudat Yisrael and Poalei Agudat Yisrael), and probably those of Gahal, the State List and the Free Centre.
Mapam will definitely vote for Prof. Katchalski, it was confirmed yesterday.
INDEPENDENT LIBERALS
The Independent Liberal Party Knesset faction will consider its position this morning. The Party chairman, Tourism Minister Moshe Kol, is expected to throw his weight behind the Labour Party decision.
However, it is understood that Mr. Yitzhak Golan, M.K., has urged that the ILP advise the Labour Party to table the name of Deputy Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Navon as well as that of Prof. Katchalski in the Knesset, because of the small 50-vote margin between them at the Labour Party vote. He argued that this would rectify the impression that the Party Central Committee and

not the Knesset had elected Israel's fourth president.
Liberal Party Chairman Elimelech Rimalt has proposed that the name of presidential candidates be submitted no later than one month before the deadline to a special Knesset committee that would come into being once every five years for the special purpose of choosing a new President. Speaking to a party meeting here, Dr. Rimalt declared "What happens now is that a party that is in a minority in the Knesset chooses the future president in its central committee."

Israeli athletes may go to Moscow for student games
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Some 30 Israeli students will participate in the International University Sports Contest in Moscow this summer. The Cabinet yesterday approved their trip, after Education Minister Yigal Alon recommended they be permitted to go. The party will include basketball and volleyball teams and track athletes.
Mr. Alon said he thought the ought to go to Moscow despite Israel's objections to the Soviet Union's emigration and anti-Jewish policies. He said the Soviet Union has declared its readiness to grant visas to properly accredited participants from any country — as he anticipates no problems on this score.

Moves to tone down NRP convention resolutions
By MARK SEGAL, Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The National Religious Party Central Committee meets today at the Bnai Brith Hall to modify two controversial resolutions adopted at the recent N.R.P. National Convention.
A series of internal coalitions made up of various party factions has produced majorities for watering down two convention decisions: one had barred the N.R.P. from joining any future Government coalition that did not amend the "Who is a Jew" legislation, while the second had urged an end to the army exemption now granted yeshiva students.
The Central Committee was empowered by the National Convention to have the final say after the latter assembly broke up in disarray.
The Lamifne faction led by Interior Minister Yosef Burg has joined forces with the supporters of Dr. Yitzhak Raphael, M.K., to tone down the stand on the "Who is a Jew" issue, while Dr. Burg's group has reached an understanding with the small but influential religious kibbutz movement, the Kibbutz Dati, to alter the resolution on yeshiva students' military service.
The latter issue, in particular, had threatened to split the party, with the Chief Rabbis remonstrating against it. Under the Lamifne-Kibbutz Dati compromise, the final say on army service would be up to the yeshiva student's own personal decision — as the Hebrew phrase used is *Hovat Gavra* (a man's responsibility).
The Central Committee will also try to take up issues left unfinished by the convention. This includes a bid to amend the "rotation" decision set by party office-holders to rotate after three or four terms. The amendment is being promoted by Dr. Burg and Dr. Raphael, who respectively are the longest-serving all Cabinet Minister and Knesset Member of their party.

J'lem Labourites in bid to counter 'gush'
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Jerusalem branch of the Labour party is initiating joint action with other party groups to counter the dominant influence of the Tel Aviv "gush" — the powerful party machine. The Jerusalem Labour party is in contact with two big party branches in Haifa and Beerseba and also with branches in development towns, with a view to forming a counter-balance to the "gush" group led by Tel Aviv Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz, an Shikun Ovdim manager Avraham Ofer, M.K.
A delegation of the Jerusalem branch leadership led by Deputy Mayor E. Azulai reportedly met last week with Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir to protest their exclusion from the party's inner policy-making councils, which they claim is dominated by the "gush."

THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION mourns the passing of
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THE FAMILY

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Judy Heller, Jerusalem

Cabinet empowers emergency action in ship dispute

Jerusalem Post Staff
The Cabinet yesterday empowered Transport Minister Shimon Peres to take emergency action to maintain Israel's vital lines of supply as the deadlock continued between the shipping companies and the union.

The Zim freighters last night remained paralyzed in Haifa port and a strike in Cyprus after being struck by their officers on Friday afternoon. Yesterday afternoon the union ordered the officers of the tanker, loading oil in Haifa, to report for union orders when the loading is completed today. It is feared the union may call the officers out on strike.

Mr. Moshe Kashti, Zim general manager, who is representing all the shipping companies in the negotiations, reiterated last night he was unable to go beyond the offer of a 40 per cent rise over two years, which if this will result in a general strike.

The Cabinet communiqué said Mr. Peres was empowered "in consultation with the Prime Minister and the Ministers of Defence and Labour, to act with all means at his disposal, including the issuance of emergency regulations, in order to ensure the operation of the state's vital supply lines."

PERES REPORTS
Mr. Peres reported to his colleagues on the merchant officers' actions and strike threats. The Cabinet statement recalled that the Ministerial Committee on Salaries, in conjunction with the Histadrut, had (last week) approved a salary rise for the officers amounting to 40 per cent over the next two years. The men's union, however, was submitting 12 demands which would mean a 100 per cent rise in one single year, the statement said.

Cabinet sources explained that the power to act had been vested in Mr. Peres so as not to necessitate a further Cabinet meeting if the Histadrut decided to break the strike by legal measures, or as a last resort, to call in Navy personnel. The sources said the minister would consult with the Histadrut before moving against the strikers.

Tacovot Friedlander reports from Haifa:
The shipping companies have already provided the government with lists of the officers manning ships considered vital to Israel's economy in case the government will wish to issue back-to-work orders.

Histadrut mediation efforts failed yesterday. The officers stood pat on their demand for an immediate 40 per cent rise, plus earned



The widow of Haim Hazaz (in black) at the graveside on the Mount of Olives yesterday. At extreme right is President Shazar. Slightly behind Prime Minister Golda Meir is Transport Minister Shimon Peres.

HAIM HAZAZ BURIED ON MT. OF OLIVES

The crown of Hebrew literature passed from Blauk to Haim Hazaz, President Shazar said in eulogizing Hazaz outside the Jerusalem Town Hall yesterday afternoon. Hazaz, the doyen of Hebrew writers and President of the Writers Association, died in Jerusalem on Saturday, aged 74.

Mr. Shazar declared that with the publication of his 13 books, "there was not a single tribe in Israel which did not have Hazaz for its spokesman."

Mayor Teddy Kollek also eulogized Hazaz as the "best lay in state outside the shore after 20 years at sea."

The Cabinet stood in silence at the start of its weekly session yesterday in tribute to Hazaz's memory. Minister of Education Yigal Alon eulogized him briefly. (Itim)

Few changes in summer TV schedule

By PHILIP GILLON
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Broadcasting Authority's plenum last night approved the summer programme for television, starting April 1.

There will be few changes. An experiment will be tried with Mabab, giving it 30 minutes, once a week. "Moked," "Boomerang" and "This is Your Life" will remain in their present format, as the main local product apart from the news, although Dr. Amnon Rubinstein will no longer preside over the Boomerang sessions. Various comedies will be tried in his place.

The Friday night Magazine will disappear — unlamented by either producer or viewers. Instead, the BBC version of "War and Peace" will be screened. "Tonside" and "Hawaii 5-0" will remain, but "The Avengers" will be replaced by a new Western. There will be no Westerns.

No special format for Israel-produced entertainment has been devised as yet.

Cabinet approves IL93m. broadcasting budget

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Cabinet yesterday approved the Broadcasting Authority's budget of IL93,380,000 for the coming fiscal year, a 40 per cent increase over the previous year.

The increase will cover expected wage hikes during 1973; a proposed additional two hours of daily broadcasts on the radio's Second Programme; an additional 30 minutes of daily television which has already been instituted; and additional Russian and French language radio broadcasts.

The Authority will collect IL64m. from annual licensing fees (IL11m. more than last year), plus another IL19m. from advertising. Another IL10m. will be paid by the Government to "cover licensing fees not paid by persons exempt by law, and the government will also provide a IL3m. subsidy. The balance will come from the sale of television and radio programmes abroad.

The additional two hours of daily broadcasts on the radio's Second Programme will start on Sunday, on an additional wavelength.

From 7 to 9 p.m., while the Second Programme's normal wavelength is giving programmes in various languages for immigrants, its general programmes will continue on the new wavelength, 447m. or 677 kHz, on the medium wave-band.

The new venture coincides with the start of a whole series of new programmes on the First and Second wavelengths.

Israel levy said discriminatory Italian minister to take up travel tax

Jerusalem Post Tourism Correspondent
Israel's travel tax is expected to be high on the list of economic subjects to be discussed in Jerusalem tomorrow by Italian Foreign Minister Giuseppe Medici and Israeli Foreign Ministry officials.

Mr. Medici is due today with a party of five for a four-day visit to Israel as guest of Foreign Minister Abba Eban.

Italy has long contended that the travel tax discriminates against countries nearest to Israel, and particularly against Italy. The Italian complaint is directed in particular against the "head tax" of IL600 imposed on all fares addition to the levy of 10 per cent of the ticket price. As a result, travellers to Italy are taxed 32 per cent of their actual fares, while a similar voyage to, say, the U.S. is subject to only a 25 per cent levy.

Italian tourist organizations claim that this is tantamount to demanding four times as much customs duty on an Italian washing machine as on a similar U.S. product.

Another Italian complaint is that the reduction of travel tax on tickets to Cyprus, Ethiopia and Rumania is discriminatory.

The Italians hold that not only does the tax as constituted deter would-be Israeli tourists, but that it obstructs promotional activities aimed at encouraging tourism. One example is that while Israel may at reasonable cost invite Italian travel agents and other representatives of the tourist sector to come and display their country's attractions, it would cost Italian organizations twice as much to reciprocate, at least as far as the travelling expenses are concerned.

Italian diplomats have in the past intimated that Rome is prepared to consider mutual abolition of visa requirements with Israel for travellers between the two countries once the thorny travel-tax issue is resolved.

Economic details in the current Jerusalem talks will be handled mainly by Italian Minister Marco Francisci di Baschi.

Maths matric exams to be easier this time

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The next mathematics matriculation examinations will be easier for high school humanities majors, Ministry of Education director general Elad Peled said yesterday. (More than half of all humanities majors did not pass in the examinations held last July, compared with a 42 per cent failure rate the year before.)

In a meeting with Mr. Peled yesterday mathematics teachers charged that the fault for the record failure rate did not lie with the pupils, but with Ministry planners who had made the course and the examination too difficult for those students who were not majoring in mathematics.

DUTCHMEN HONOURED FOR SAVING JEWS

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Three persons from the Netherlands who saved Jews during World War II yesterday planted trees in the Avenue of the Righteous Gentiles at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem.

Wopje Kooistra and his wife Helijte received the Yad Vashem Medal of Honour for hiding and feeding many Jews in their Utrecht bakery. The citation says the couple had hidden in their house throughout the war. They referred yet others to friends willing to provide shelter.

On one occasion, Mrs. Kooistra, who was then in the last months of pregnancy, rode 20 kms. on her bicycle to fetch milk for her "guests."

The second tree was planted by Mrs. Laura Johanna Overberg-Nelms. She and her husband Louis Hendrik, who died in 1971, hid several Jewish families in the attic of their Amsterdam house. Mr. Overberg lost his job with the gas and electric company for taking part in a strike protesting against German treatment of Dutch Jews.

All the Jews hidden by the Overbergs survived the war.

Gov't to reconsider provident funds tax proposals—Sapir

Jerusalem Post Staff
The proposal to tax the sums people withdraw from provident funds will be given further consideration, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir told the Cabinet yesterday. Only those portions of the Income Tax Amendment Bill that deal with reduced tax rates will be pushed through by next Sunday, he said.

A similar announcement was made yesterday by the Knesset Finance Committee, where the Bill is now under discussion.

Mr. Sapir suggested that it would be better to wait before discussing the taxation of social benefits, until the new National Pensions Bill (now under preparation in the Labour Ministry) is completed. According to official sources, this bill may convert most of the present provident funds into pension funds, since old-age pensions will become compulsory, supplementing the national insurance grants. In that case, the amendment Bill's proposal to tax withdrawals made before retirement age would be of little significance.

Mr. Sapir promised that whatever is decided about the taxation of social benefits will not be made retroactive. But the provision giving old-age pensioners a 25 per cent tax rate ought to be approved immediately, the Minister said. He has recommended that the Knesset Finance Committee give this its attention.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet yesterday approved the levying of a 3.5 per cent services tax on banking institutions and insurance companies. Mr. Sapir will present a law on the imposition of the tax to the Knesset immediately.

The tax will be based on the annual profits of the banks and the average annual salaries paid out to employees, minus social benefits. In the case of insurance companies, 35 per cent of the commission paid to agents will also be included in the calculation.

The tax is expected to cost the banks and insurance companies an estimated IL35m. next year, but since the tax will lower taxable profits, the net figure to be paid will be in the region of IL17.5m.

It is expected that the banks and insurance companies will raise their charges to the public to cover at least a proportion of the tax.

The Cabinet also authorized the Ministerial Economic Committee to decide on increasing the budget allowed for subsidies for the coming year. The Committee's decision will be sent for final Cabinet approval.

The amount set aside for subsidies in the 1973/74 budget was IL600m., but it is understood that this may have to be increased to IL100m. to combat rising prices on world markets, and to offer greater export incentives.

More money has also been put aside to finance the guarding of Israeli installations abroad from possible terrorist attack.

Ex-Panther leader Eddie Malka owner of six firms

TEL AVIV. — Former Black Panther leader Eddie Malka controls several economic enterprises, including a plant for prefabricated houses, it was revealed in the Magistrate's Court here yesterday.

The court last week issued a temporary injunction against Malka on the application of his partner, forbidding him to enter the premises of a marketing firm in which he has an interest. At yesterday's hearing on the injunction — which was withdrawn after Malka and his partner in the marketing firm agreed to arbitration — Malka acknowledged he was part-owner of six companies, including a prefabricated housing plant in Mitzpe Ramon.

Eddie Malka split away from the Black Panthers last year, and formed a group called Blue and White, who demanded to see Premier Golda Meir to persuade her to pay less attention to Soviet Jewry, and more to poverty in Israel. (Itim)

German tourist dies after Red Sea swim

TEL AVIV. — A German tourist collapsed and died after swimming in the Red Sea off the Sinai coast near Coral Isle yesterday. The man was identified as Joseph Muller, age 55. He reportedly came out of the water saying he wasn't feeling well, then collapsed.

A doctor, who was a member of Muller's tour, was unable to revive him. (Itim)

Batsheva to dance for Panov's immigration

TEL AVIV. — The Batsheva Dance Company will give a special performance on Saturday under the patronage of the Minister of Abroad, Mr. Nathan Peled, to express sympathy for the struggle of Vasily Panov for the permission to come to Israel.

Panov, formerly star of the Leningrad Kirov Ballet, has been denied an exit visa, and has been persecuted by the Soviet authorities since he applied for the permit. A picture of Panov will be projected at the backdrop of the Nahmani Hall, where the Batsheva performance will take place.

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Vasily Panov

Jordan circulates note: Black September ties with Fatah confirmed

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

The Jordanian Foreign Minister yesterday circulated a memorandum disclosing the links between Black September terrorists and the Fatah as revealed in statements made by Fatah "revolutionary council" member "Abu Daud," no warring a life sentence in Jordan. Fatah has repeatedly denied any connection between the two groups.

One survivor as ship sinks off U.S. coast

NEW YORK (AP). — An oil tanker, alerted by the U.S. Air Force and Coast Guard, yesterday morning picked up a survivor of the Norse Valiant, who had been clinging to a hatch cover since the Norwegian bulk carrier sank on Thursday 400 kms. off the New Jersey coast. He was identified as Stein Abrielsen of Oslo, Norway, and the skipper of the S.S. Mobil Lube radioed that he was in good health.

The Mobil Lube also picked up two air force paratroopers who were dropped earlier to help Gabrielsen, who had been in the water almost four days. A U.S.A.F. C-130 Hercules rescue aircraft also spotted another survivor clinging to a life raft about 60 kms. to the southwest.

The coast guard dispatched two long-range helicopters from New York to rescue the second man. The helicopters, carrying hoisting equipment, were expected to reach him yesterday evening. The coast guard cutter Cherokee was expected to reach the scene a little later.

Both men were found in the general search area located about 400 kms. southeast of Cape May, New Jersey. The coast guard said the water where the men were found was a balmy 21 degrees centigrade and the air temperature 13 degrees. There was a gentle swell and the visibility was 25 kms. no other survivors or debris were immediately found and the coast guard had no further details.

The 13,194-ton, 280-metre Norse Valiant carried a crew of 30 and was en route from Norfolk, Virginia, to Hamburg, Germany, with a cargo of coal when she radioed on Thursday that she was sinking and the men abandoning ship. That was the last of ship and crew heard or seen until the C-130 spotted Gabrielsen.



Syrian President Hafez Assad, right, talks with Gen. Abdel Salam Sifrewi, head of the Moroccan military delegation now visiting Damascus. (AP radiophoto)

Moroccan troops arrive in Syria

DAMASCUS (UPI). — Moroccan troops started arriving in Damascus during the past week, Moroccan Embassy sources said yesterday.

King Hassan said recently he would send troops to help Syria in its battle against Israel. Moroccan sources said Hassan was sending troops because Morocco could not afford to donate money. The sources said the entire Moroccan contingent — no numbers were specified — will be in Syria within one month.

General Abdel Salam Sifrewi, commander of the Moroccan Royal Guard, will command the troops under the direction of Syrian commanders. Gen. Sifrewi and his command have already arrived. Moroccan sources said the Moroccan troops will fight in Syrian uniforms. The troops are well-armed with their own tanks and artillery and have received advanced training, they said.

French Navy rules out foreign planes

PARIS (AP). — The French Navy will re-equip its two aircraft carriers with entirely French-built aircraft and will not buy U.S. Phantom or major components from English or American manufacturers, well-informed sources said on Saturday.

Defence Minister Michel Debre was reported to have ruled that the 80 new Super Etendards to be built by the Dassault company should be powered by the Alar 8K50 unit built by the state-controlled Snecma Motor Co. Navy experts had preferred the U.S. Pratt and Whitney J52 engine.

Mr. Debre reportedly made the decision to aid Snecma, which is facing financial problems due to the slow-down in the Concorde supersonic airliner programme. Most U.S. airlines and foreign carriers have dropped their options to buy the Concorde.

Total cost of the Super Etendard programme to equip the carriers Foch and Clemenceau is budgeted at \$330m.

Rome embassies said bugged

ROME (AP). — The telephones of some Eastern European and Middle Eastern embassies in Rome have been tapped, newspapers reported yesterday on Italy's widening wire tapping scandal.

The Sunday papers added, however, that it was still not known who had the lines bugged and for what reasons. Police have withheld comment on the scandal, stating that their investigation is still continuing.

The embassies were identified only as "some eastern European and Middle Eastern countries." Rome's "Il Messaggero" specified the embassies of Arab countries.

So far 22 persons have been charged with placing taps on the phones of politicians, business leaders, entertainment personalities and newspapers. Most of the accused are private detectives and employees of the state-owned telephone company.

Restored Pieta back on public view

VATICAN CITY (AP). — Pieta, Michelangelo's marble masterpiece, was put on public view yesterday, 10 months after a hammer-wielding vandal smashed parts of it. Pope Paul VI came to St. Peter's Basilica and congratulated those who restored the two-metre high statue. "A work of art has been returned to the world," the Pontiff told restoration experts.

Pieta, depicting the Madonna holding the dead Jesus in her arms, was battered with a dozen hammer blows that broke off the Madonna's left arm and dented her veil and the left side of her face. The assailant, Laszlo Toth, 34, an Hungarian-born Australian, was judged insane and confined to a mental hospital for two years.

This time the statue is protected by a glass shield and a special warning system against intruders who come too close to it.

Watergate defendant cries perjury



Convicted Watergate defendant James McCord arriving at Washington court. He wrote Judge John Sirica charging that "there was political pressure applied to defendants to plead guilty and remain silent."

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — A dramatic last-minute offer to break silence by one of the men found guilty in the Watergate bugging case has promised to shed new light on who was behind the operation to spy on the Democratic Party headquarters.

James McCord, former security chief of President Nixon's re-election campaign committee, said perjury was committed during the trial of himself and six other men found guilty of spying on the Democrats, and that more people were involved in the wiretapping operation than those brought to trial.

McCord, who was caught by police inside Democratic Party headquarters at the Watergate office building in the middle of one night last June, indicated he was prepared to identify those behind the break-in and bugging.

He requested — and was granted — a postponement of sentences pending a private meeting he will have with the judge this week to tell what he knows.

200 Communist P-o-Ws refuse return to Hanoi

BIEN HOA, South Vietnam (Reuter). — Over 200 Viet Cong and North Vietnamese prisoners-of-war yesterday refused to go back to North Vietnam.

Reporters at Bien Hoa Airport stared in surprise as the 210 prisoners, including a young woman with a baby in her arms, suddenly staged an extraordinary demonstration. They had been squatting on the airport tarmac waiting to board aircraft to fly to Quang Tri where they would have been released as part of the prisoner-of-war exchange between South Vietnam and the Communists.

Minutes before they were due to board the planes, they suddenly jumped to their feet, waved crude banners, raised their right fists and cried out in unison that they wanted to remain in South Vietnam.

They were to have been part of the last exchange of P.O.W.s, which ended yesterday. One hundred Communist prisoners had already been flown to Quang Tri this morning. Then the 210 refused to leave Bien Hoa.

The prisoners were ordered to sit and wait for members of the International Commission for Control and Supervision of the Cease-fire (ICCS), who are supposed to observe the exchange of prisoners.

An hour later, another group of 100 prisoners arrived at the airport. They were ordered to squat facing away from the group of 210. The two groups sat silently, studiously ignoring each other.

Reporters noticed that the majority of the group of 100 were thin and seemed to be suffering from wounds, in contrast to the group of 210, who seemed well fed and showed no signs of recent injuries.

ABANDONED. — Highway authorities in Venezuela are acquiring a fleet of 36 breakdown lorries for "operation junk" — towing away about 1,500 vehicles that have been abandoned at the roadside.

Swedes offer tours of Asia war sites

STOCKHOLM (Reuter). — The in-spot for Swedish tourists this year may not be the sunny coast of Spain or the isles of Greece but the war-torn capitals of Southeast Asia.

A Stockholm travel agency is putting together a package tour, under the title "The Southeast Asian War," which includes sightseeing stop-overs in Saigon, Phnom Penh and Vientiane. A guide for the agency said the trip will give people an opportunity to see the war damage close up.

The agents think they can keep prices down for what they are calling "one of the world's most sought-after tourist attractions now that the war is over."

Two ICCS men wounded in Can Tho

CAN THO, Vietnam (UPI). — A sniper wounded two members of the International Commission for Control and Supervision of the Cease-fire (ICCS) as they drove through Can Tho yesterday. The injured ICCS men were both Indonesian officers.

The ICCS spokesman said Lt.-Col. Mohamed Dohir was struck in the head by a bullet. He underwent emergency surgery at a South Vietnamese hospital at Can Tho and was later taken by helicopter to a U.S. army hospital in Saigon. The spokesman said Dohir is believed to be out of danger.

Grivas said planning Cyprus takeover

NICOSIA (Reuter). — Former EOKA leader General George Grivas planned to seize power here on April 1, arrest Archbishop Makarios and declare union with Greece, a pro-government newspaper said yesterday. There was no official comment but highly reliable sources said the government had received such information and was taking strong steps to foil the plot.

The newspaper "Phileleftheros" reported General Grivas planned to take over the capital on the 18th anniversary of his uprising against British rule. General Grivas is reported to be hiding somewhere in Cyprus. Armed raiders attacked two police stations in southern Cyprus early yesterday, firing machineguns and hurling grenades. A civilian was taken to hospital seriously injured after one attack.

In the other, a police sergeant was badly beaten up by 30 men who burst into his station under cover of machinegun fire.

The attacks on police stations were familiar tactics used by General Grivas to destroy the moral of security forces and move towards overthrowing the government, observers said.

Against this background of violence, Greek Cypriots yesterday celebrated Greek independence day with church services and parades.

Soldier hit in fight with Belfast snipers

BELFAST (UPI). — A sniper shot a British soldier and troops hit a gunman in separate battles in Roman Catholic areas here yesterday, the British Army said.

In Strabane, on the County Tyrone border with the Irish Republic, a bomb blast ripped a downtown shop and injured one man, police said. A sniper wounded one soldier of a patrol near the Catholic Divis Flatts apartment project, the army said.

In another exchange about the same time, troops battling gunmen in the Catholic Ardoyne district hit a gunman and saw him being dragged away. The Ardoyne exchange followed four hours of battling with snipers in the district on Saturday night. British troops said they hit three snipers in the earlier fights.

The gun battles raged while security forces hunted the killers of three British sergeants lured to a "party" ambush by two girls on Friday night.

A bomb ripped a Catholic-owned pub near Loughall in County Armagh, early yesterday, but caused no casualties.

The Belfast fighting was the first major gun battle since the militant Provisional wing of the Irish Republican Army on Friday rejected Britain's White Paper on Northern Ireland's future and said it would go on fighting. The Ardoyne district is a Provisional I.R.A. stronghold.

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BRAZIL. — Lincoln Euzilio Roque, student movement leader of the banned Brazilian Communist Party, has been killed in a gunfight with police, according to an official communiqué. It did not say when the incident took place.

ROLLER COASTER. — The "Great American Screem Machine," claimed to be the biggest roller coaster in the world at 32 metres high and 1,158 metres long, opens for "terror rides" in Atlanta, Georgia next weekend.

PARKING. — A Madrid motorist who refused to allow police to tow away his badly-parked car has appealed against a two-month jail sentence and a 5,000 peseta (\$147) fine.

RELATIONS. — Libya and North Korea will establish full diplomatic relations, Radio Tripoli said yesterday in a broadcast monitored in Tunis.

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NEW BOOK ILLUSTRATES PLAN FOR OLD CITY

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

Jerusalem Post Reporter
ALTHOUGH the proposed plan for Jerusalem's Old City and environs has not yet been approved and may well be altered drastically, it has just been published in the form of an expensive, illustrated book that is the most handsome work ever produced on the subject of Jerusalem planning.

Entitled "Planning Jerusalem," the book was put together over the past three years by designer Chava Mordehovich with a text by planner Arieh Sharon.

The 10 square kilometres covered by the plan include the Old City, Mount Scopus, the Mount of Olives and a contiguous area reaching south to Government House. Included are the built-up areas of modern Jerusalem north and west of the Old City.

The plan would reduce the population of the Old City from 24,000 to 20,000, principally by thinning out the Moslem Quarter where population density is as high as 140 persons per dunam. New residential quarters, however, would be provided southeast of Silwan, the slopes of the Mount of Olives and the northeast slope of Government House Hill.

These sites, which lie outside the amphitheatre setting of the Old City and do not compete with it, writes Mr. Sharon, "are intended to serve primarily those persons relocated from the slum quarters of the Old City and also those whose dwellings are on land required for road widening or marked for archaeological excavation." It was on the northeast slope of Government House that a Jewish contractor, Abud Levi, recently managed to purchase 80 dunams from local Arabs for a proposed high-rise development. The Local Planning Committee, however, did not give its approval.

Population up

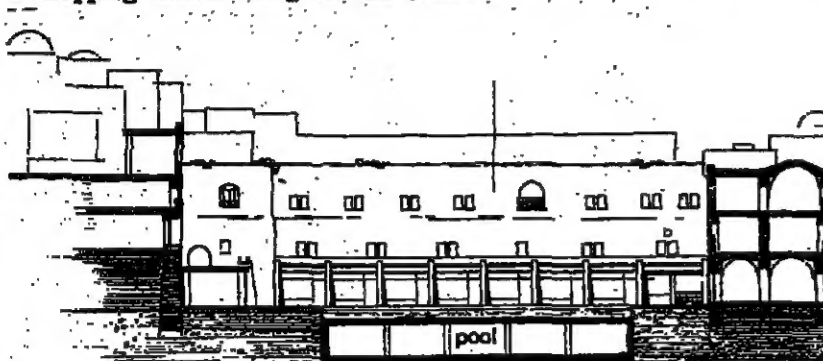
Sharon envisages the total population of the planning area increasing from 55,000 at present to 85,000. This would include 10,000 students in the Hebrew University dormitories on Mount Scopus. Yemin Moshe and Silwan are designated as reconstruction areas. The valleys in the planning area are to serve as the spine of an open space system. Disintegrating terraces are to be restored and trees planted on the slopes.

The Old City itself would be preserved as a pedestrian area as far as possible. Vehicles would be restricted to fixed hours in the early morning and late evening. All construction would have to be in local stone and in scale with the environment. The main architectural challenges, writes Mr. Sharon, are renewal of the piazzas inside the main gates, restoration of the square in front of the Western Wall and renovation of the Old City bazaars.

Within the Old City, no new building would be permitted within 10 metres of the walls. Within 50 metres of the walls, no new building or extension would be permitted that is higher than the city walls. Outside the walls, no new building would be permitted up to a distance of 75 metres. Buildings that are 75 metres distant could be no higher than the walls. A sliding scale would permit a building 150 metres from the wall to be twice



Illustrations from "Planning Jerusalem" show, above, neglected Pool of Hezekiah, inside Jaffa Gate, and plan for refilling it and building a shopping arcade along its rim (below).



as high. Beyond that no restriction applies.

One of the plan's more interesting proposals is to restore the Pool of Hezekiah, an ancient reservoir just inside Jaffa Gate that is inaccessible to the general public. (It can be seen from the roof of the Hotel Rex which borders it on the southwest. The hotel is situated at the top of David Street.) Dating from the Second Temple, the empty reservoir is now a refuse dump. The planners propose to refill it with water and to develop a shopping arcade around it.

Clean-up

In the bazaars, the planners call for a general cleaning-up, the removal of semi-permanent wood and tin structures, and the selection of suitable designs for store-front shutters and awnings.

The plan is presently being discussed by the District Planning Commission. Objections to it have been made by 35 parties including various churches, the Ministry for Religious Affairs, the Moslem Waqf, and residents of both East and West Jerusalem.

The principal objection is that of the Urban Planning Unit which contends that the plan calls for

too much development and not enough preservation. By increasing the population of the planning area outside the walls by 34,000, the plan would introduce a population equivalent to that of Lod or Ramle, the unit points out. It was at the unit's insistence that the Local Planning Committee voted to remove the north slope of Government House and the adjacent Mount of Olives from the plan so that the population density could be reduced and more open space provided. Silwan, on the other hand, objected to restrictions which would prevent them from building in certain areas. Some churches objected to the proposal to prohibit building just inside the Old City walls, since this affected church-owned land.

Only one-third of the books directly concerned with the Old City plan drawn up by Arieh Sharon, David Anatol Brutskus and Eldar Sharon. The rest is devoted to the history of planning in Jerusalem and to illustrated descriptions of the Old City.

The 311-page book, which costs IL95, contains 71 full-colour maps, 175 photographs, 27 plans and 28 reproductions of ancient maps, lithographs and etchings. The publisher is Weidenfeld and Nicolson.

Monetary reform asked by Congress

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — President Nixon was urged by congressmen yesterday to meet leaders of Canada, Japan and Western Europe as soon as possible to work out long-term monetary and trade reforms.

The Congressional Joint Economic Committee said, in its annual report, such a conference could lead to an agreement to compensate the U.S. "fully, immediately and in cash" for overseas defence spending.

The committee said the aim of the conference should be:

- To seek monetary reforms that provide for prompt adjustment of currency values to eliminate balance of payments crises. Such a move would make special drawing rights, so-called "paper gold," the chief international reserve asset.

- An understanding that trade negotiations would lead to elimination of tariffs on manufactured goods in 10 to 20 years, the reduction of non-tariff trade barriers and reform of agricultural support mechanisms.

- "A firm agreement to compensate the U.S. fully, immediately and in cash for our net overseas expenditures which contribute to the mutual defence of the free world."

Under pressure

President Nixon, at a press conference this month, acknowledged he was under heavy pressure from advisers to make early trips to Western Europe and Japan as well as to Latin America and Africa.

He said an overseas visit is possible this summer and another probable in the autumn.

Officials said that while no decisions have been made, it seemed likely that Mr. Nixon's next trip would be to Western Europe and that a visit to Japan was in the planning stage, possibly for September or October.

The bulk of this Economic Committee's 138-page report was devoted to domestic issues.

Democratic committee members urged the President to impose stronger controls on wages, prices and interest rates in the fight against inflation.

The Republicans, a minority on the committee, said stronger anti-inflation controls are not necessary at present. But they agreed with the Democrats that Congress should keep the budget for the next financial year starting July 1 to the \$28,700 million dollar level requested by the President.

At the Cinema

ONLY FOR CULTISTS

The Valachi Papers (Habirah, Jerusalem: Chen, Tel Aviv, and Armon, Haifa). This book, by director Terence Young, panders to the tastes of the followers of two separate cults — Charles Bronson and the Mafia — both currently in vogue. The cult-followers will not be disappointed but I doubt if any one else will be interested.

Charles Bronson plays Joe Valachi, a homicidal nincompoop who after four decades in the service of the Mafia eventually spills the beans to a U.S. Senate commission on organized crime. The plot ignores the subtleties of dramatic tension and is simply a chronicle of "hits" (Mafia murders) which, except for the most lurid, are indistinguishable one from the other.

About all that is interesting is the use of underworld slang and the expose of secret Mafia practices but we have become overexposed even to this. GREGOR



Music Reviews

The confidence of youth

The Young Artists' Week. Recital by Shlomo Mintz. Venue: Ramat Aviv, piano. (Tel Aviv, Museum, March 20). Versucht: Concert-Sonata. Recital: Chaconne, Chaconne, Poem, Ballade, Sonata in D minor, Tsayre: Ballade, Ravel: Tsigane.

FOR 15-year-old Shlomo Mintz, standing before an audience means a challenge and inspiring stimulation. He plays with great confidence and sureness, and he is completely absorbed in his music. The pre-classical Versucht allowed him to show a deep and singing tone and a capability to adjust himself fairly well to stylistic limitations. In Chaconne's Poem and Brahms' Sonata, Mr. Mintz impressively coped with demanding emotional contents. Tsayre's Ballade and Ravel's Tsigane indicated that he has already acquired tremendous technical fluency. All these pieces revealed achievements indeed outstanding for a boy of 15. This age, however, was still an obstacle in Bach's Chaconne, whose intellectual greatness he was unable to grasp.

Rami Bar-Niv was a reliable and skilful accompanist, and in the Brahms, a convincing musician in his own right. BENJAMIN BAR-AN

OPERA SINGER. — German baritone Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau is to make his debut in the U.S. as conductor with the Los Angeles Philharmonic early next year. A spokesman for the orchestra said the leader and opera singer would make three appearances as conductor here in March, 1974.

CANADIANS GET WORRIED BY 1976 OLYMPICS

By MATT SANGER

MONTREAL (Gemin). — WHEN Montreal's Mayor Jean Drapeau finally won his hard-fought battle to get the 1976 Olympics for his city, he expected every Canadian to jump a record eight feet over the high jump for joy. But this isn't happening. For months his "victory" has been the target of criticism, even by some sports writers. And the criticism has sharpened in the last few weeks, after the federal government's Treasury Board published its estimates of what the whole thing would cost.

There are several reasons why people are not thrilled to see the games coming to Montreal. A small number are worried about political violence, remembering the killings in Munich and remembering the violent potential of the Quebec separatists.

A lot more people have said: "Why are we wasting all these millions of dollars on sports, when there are millions of people starving in Asia and we should help them?" Finally, other Canadians who aren't worried about violence or even about people in Asia simply say that an Olympics costs too much, and the hosts always lose a lot of money.

Roger Rousseau, president and commissioner-general of the organizing committee (le Comité d'Organisation des Jeux Olympiques, or COJO), has been busy answering the argument that the Olympics have become a big, expensive thing — and therefore the property of only a few rich nations, while the poorer nations (who produce many of the better athletes) cannot afford it.

Original formula

He says he did not at first believe that the Games could be self-financing, but now he is convinced they can. He says he was once an aid official with the Colombo Plan, and from 1969 was Canada's Ambassador to Cameroon, adds:

"It will be the pride of the Canadian people to have found an original formula that will allow less fortunate countries of Africa and Asia to host the Olympic Games in the future."

COJO is estimating that the total cost of the Olympics will be \$310 million. The committee's main plan for financing the Games is that there would be no deficit at all, if the sale of commemorative coins. They think they can make a profit from these coins of \$250 million, and believed their troubles were over when the Trudeau Government said it would mint these coins.

But Jean Drapeau has got his sums wrong before. When Expo 67 was first being planned, he said this whole venture (which included building up two islands in the St. Lawrence River) would cost only \$167 million. Instead, it cost \$430 million and the Canadian and Quebec Governments got their fingers burnt, because they ended by paying for nine-tenths of the deficit.

Big loss seen

This time the Treasury Board thinks there will be a loss of \$217 million, or even more if costs escalate due to unforeseen events. The Board's officials believe, for instance, that the coin sales will only raise about \$100 million; and they also differ with the COJO estimates on how much many of the services will cost, from security guards to the telephones and computers needed for the Games.

Pierre Trudeau is not getting his fingers burnt a second time. He made Mayor Drapeau and Quebec premier Robert Bourassa write him letters, saying they would not ask the federal government to cover any deficit, before agreeing to mint coins for the Games.

The federal government is also giving a housing loan to help build the Olympic Village, because it is going to be used for public housing afterwards.

After all these figures have been thrown in the air, there is nothing to do but wait until 1976 and see whether Drapeau's latest hunch is right or wrong. Obviously he has taken a big risk that the public just won't want to buy Olympic coins, stamps and lottery tickets. The West Germans sold \$179 million worth of coins; maybe we will do better, maybe worse.

Several cities

But in the meantime, another point is being argued. Why not make the Games truly national by spreading them round several cities of Canada?

People who argue this say it would greatly cut capital costs. There already exists a swimming pool in Winnipeg that was used for the Pan American Games, a fine stadium in Toronto for equestrian events, and an excellent rowing course of St. Catherine's, near Niagara.

Mr. Rousseau has said he likes the idea, although it would mean a revolutionary change in the Olympics. He talked it over in February

The violence at Munich and the huge expense of holding the Olympics have made many Canadians doubtful whether it is a good thing that the 1976 games are to be held in Montreal.

with Lord Killanin, president of the International Olympics Committee, but was told it was most unlikely that the rules would be changed. The rule in question is rule 401, which says that all competitions, with the exception of sailing, have to be held in one general area. The sailing events are to be held at Kingston, nearly 200 miles southwest of Montreal and on Lake Ontario.

Lord Killanin gave Mr. Rousseau his explanation of this rule: "The organization of any Olympics is so complex an undertaking and so large a challenge that we must not complicate them further by spreading sports venues too far apart."

He also pointed out the problems and the costs for the athletes, the trainers, and the international press if they had to travel from city to city across Canada in order to take part in the Games.

Some French-Canadians have reacted to the criticism of holding the Games in Montreal, or to the idea of spreading them around Canada, by saying: "If you are not for the Olympics being held in Montreal, then you are anti-Quebec."

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Music Reviews

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The Young Artists' Week. Recital by Shlomo Mintz. Venue: Ramat Aviv, piano. (Tel Aviv, Museum, March 20). Versucht: Concert-Sonata. Recital: Chaconne, Chaconne, Poem, Ballade, Sonata in D minor, Tsayre: Ballade, Ravel: Tsigane.

FOR 15-year-old Shlomo Mintz, standing before an audience means a challenge and inspiring stimulation. He plays with great confidence and sureness, and he is completely absorbed in his music. The pre-classical Versucht allowed him to show a deep and singing tone and a capability to adjust himself fairly well to stylistic limitations. In Chaconne's Poem and Brahms' Sonata, Mr. Mintz impressively coped with demanding emotional contents. Tsayre's Ballade and Ravel's Tsigane indicated that he has already acquired tremendous technical fluency. All these pieces revealed achievements indeed outstanding for a boy of 15. This age, however, was still an obstacle in Bach's Chaconne, whose intellectual greatness he was unable to grasp.

Rami Bar-Niv was a reliable and skilful accompanist, and in the Brahms, a convincing musician in his own right. BENJAMIN BAR-AN

OPERA SINGER. — German baritone Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau is to make his debut in the U.S. as conductor with the Los Angeles Philharmonic early next year. A spokesman for the orchestra said the leader and opera singer would make three appearances as conductor here in March, 1974.

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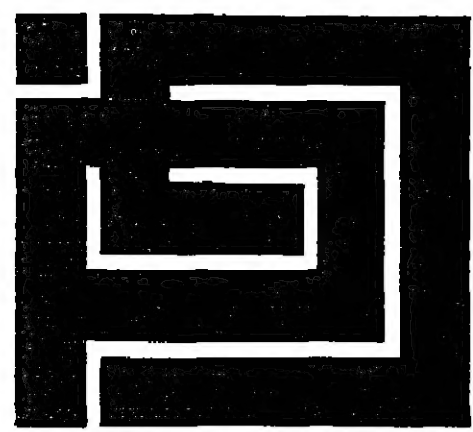
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The Plaza Tel Aviv, Israel's tallest hotel, 22 stories, 60 meters high — 127 Hayarkon Street, was officially opened on Tuesday, March 20, in the presence of the Minister of Tourism, Mr. Moshe Kol, the Mayor of Tel Aviv, Mr. Yehoshua Rabinowitz, leading figures in the tourist industry, and other guests.

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PUBLIC ROOMS

These public rooms are located on split levels, enabling a visual link between different areas, while at the same time ensuring privacy. The main restaurant offers a choice of Table d'Hôte menus as well as a la carte menu. The coffee Shop is open on a round-the-clock basis and serves a variety of dairy and meat delicacies. The aperitif bar is open at mealtimes serving a choice of cocktails, and the Paradise Bar is open from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. In the evening background music is supplied by a guitarist or a pianist.

In the summer an open-air cafe which can seat some 500 people will become operational. The swimming pool will be operational in the winter with heated water.

The hotel has direct access to the beach from the sea-level floor.
— Art works by Tziona Simshi, Haim Hazaz, Perly Peizig, Jean David, Kopel Gorvin and Avshalom Tzafrir are to be found in the public rooms.

350 EMPLOYEES

The hotel staff of 350 includes highly qualified heads of departments with local and international experience. With the exception of the Executive Chef, who comes from Switzerland, the rest of the staff was recruited locally, some with past hotel experience, some graduates of the Tadmor Hotel School, and the rest trained by the hotel well before its opening. The hotel began its running-in period in December 1972 and became operational in a gradual manner in order to accomplish the necessary training and working coordination in time for the coming tourist season.

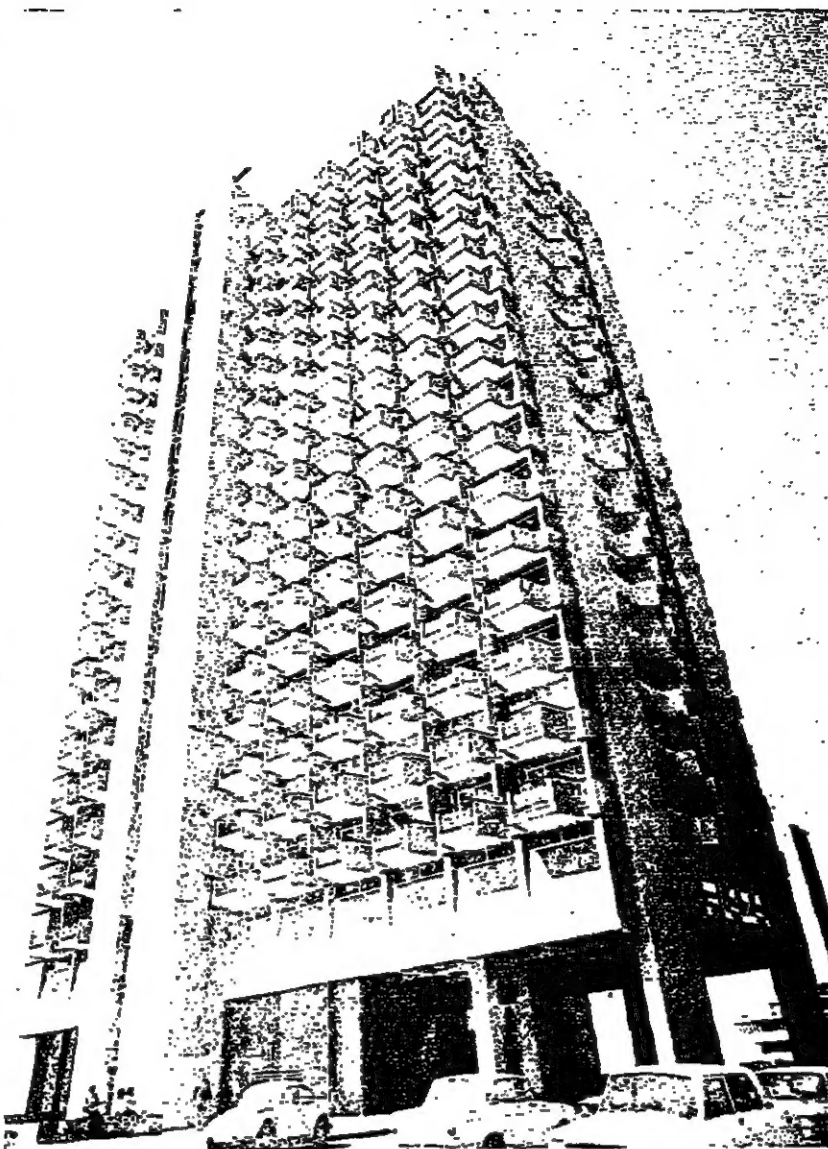
The cost of the hotel is in the region of IL30,000,000. The investors of the Plaza Tel Aviv are Messrs. Michael Sommerfreund, Moshe Korn, Meir Rosenthal, and Zelig Lis, all building contractors from Germany.

The building architect is Mr. Moshe Rafaeli, the interior architect, Mr. Lazar Heskia, engineering by the Vardimon-Amitai-Sedoff office.

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WOMEN JOURNALISTS 'MUST BE STRONG'

By SASHA SEDAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mila Contini looks like a success from the pearl choker down past the expensive well-cut pants suit to the stylish pumps on her tiny Italian feet.

For 39 years she has been writing mostly for women and today is the President of the Brussels-based International Association of Women's and Home Page Journalists. She was in Israel last week on a study tour with 14 members of the organization; she will report on it for the "Corriere della Sera."

She talked of her campaign "to fight to get women promotions," and how to encourage women who want to work, especially those interested in journalism. But she is quick to quash the notion that she is one of the so-called women liberationists.

"I was a feminist when I was young. Today I know women are not like men."

Mrs. Contini, who lives in Milan, went to work in 1934 and was one of the first women to enter the field of journalism in Italy. It was a battle, she says, listing custom as the first foe. A woman must be able to leave the house. For her work was not a matter of necessity. She was in her own words the newly married daughter of a rich man who found that being a Red Cross volunteer worker "was not enough."



Mila Contini — a woman's hardest struggle is to overcome herself.

And the main part of the family fortune was lost. Mrs. Contini and her husband separated, and she had to worry about taking care of her two daughters. She wrote for several weeklies and landed a television job despite her lip. Somehow she explains, the lip disappeared when she had a microphone in front of her and for four years she had her own weekly television show, "Personalita." The person in charge of fashion, she notes, was a man and the one in charge of discussion of social problems was a woman.

After her television show, Mrs. Contini wrote two weekly columns for a magazine under two different names. One was a "mother and baby" column on child care and the second was an advice column, which often received 200 to 300 letters a week. At the same time she began to manage a taxi company with her sister, who is a physician. It was one of the family businesses left intact after her father's death. For nine years Mrs. Contini headed the operations of the fleet of 31 taxis and was the boss of 24 men.

Very lucky. "I was," she admits, "a very lucky woman. She counsels others not to feel obliged to stay at home, just because you are a woman." One of her daughters is a lawyer, the other an oculist. The most difficult thing for a woman to do, she says, is to go to work once a baby has arrived, but a woman who muffs her ambition is in for trouble. "If you feel unhappy, the baby will feel it. You may smile and caress the baby, but what you feel inside — it will come out."

There is one more particularly strong influence on women to keep them at home: "Sometimes you just want to stay at home. You want to live a life like the favorite of the sultan," Mrs. Contini concludes that for a woman the hardest struggle is to overcome not the world but herself.



NOT ONLY IN ISRAEL — After the recent terrorist bombings in London, extra security measures have been enforced. Here a policeman searches a woman's bag when she came to watch the opening of the New London Bridge by Queen Elizabeth on March 15.

More U.S. wives now chief breadwinners

WASHINGTON (AP). — WIVES earned more than their husbands in 3.2 million American families in 1970, some 7.4 per cent of all husband-wife families, the Census Bureau said in a recent report.

The report concluded that "growing proportions of American wives are their families' chief breadwinners." In 1960, wives provided most of the income in 5.7 per cent of husband-wife families.

The Census Bureau report was a study of the characteristics of 51.1 million families counted in the 1970 census, including 44 million husband-wife families.

About 61 per cent of the husbands in these families were working and over half of the couples had no children.

The income breakdown for the breadwinning wives was 25 per cent earning between \$4,000 and \$6,000, 22 per cent earning between \$2,000 and \$4,000 and 20 per cent earning between \$6,000 and \$8,000.

The median income for families with a female head was \$2,999, while the median income for all

families was \$7,633 and for husband-wife families, \$8,363. The report also showed that 39 per cent of all families are of three or four persons, 81 per cent of the chief money-earners have completed four years of high school, and 13 per cent have completed four years of college.

Largest group

The largest group of chief income recipients in all families, 19 per cent, earned between \$10,000 and \$15,000, followed by 18 per cent who earned between \$6,000 and \$8,000.

For the 45.7 million white heads of families, the largest group, 19 per cent, earned between \$10,000 and \$15,000, while for the 4.5 million black heads of family, the largest group, 23 per cent, earned between \$2,000 and \$4,000, followed by 21 per cent who earned between \$4,000 and \$5,000. Six per cent of the blacks earned between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

Obvious choice

Writing was an obvious choice because she had been clever at it in school. Nevertheless, the job was a challenge. "For me nothing is difficult and everything is difficult. But the first difficulties are the ones everyone finds," she says, adding that men looking for careers suffer much the same as women. "How many men are not particularly important or intelligent?" she asks, but yet they must go out and make their way in the world.

"To be a female journalist, you must be strong and not complain of womanly ailments or headaches. You must forget everything else and you must love people. A woman must think she will do, she can do. Women who are afraid to begin, I have no pity for them. If you are afraid, you don't begin."

On her first job she ventured into worlds previously unknown to her. She lived with a circus for a week to get a story and once she spent the night in a dormitory for the poor who have nowhere to sleep. This incident she recalls vividly. She was given an intimate inspection to determine if she had lice and then was bedded down with 30 other women.

Later the approach to her work was changed by her private life. Her father was shot to death during the war by Italian Commun-

SPYING ON MR. AND MRS. AMERICA

By CHARLES FOLEY

LOS ANGELES (UPI). — ONE day two years ago, bearded Mr. Craig Gilbert, an old hand at making television documentaries, awoke with an inspiration. His camera would capture sociological and psychological truths about the U.S. through the microcosm of a single family, whose daily life, merriment or dramatic, would be filmed in every detail over a period of months.

Then, thought Mr. Craig, a heavy man with sad eyes, "perhaps something universal would emerge about relationships about how a man and a woman and children live in America in the 1970s." His film would hold a mirror up to the troubled U.S.A. so that the country might better understand itself.

Large ideas need large financing, and this one got \$1,250,000 from the Ford Foundation and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Seven months later Mr. Craig and his two-member crew had a monumental 300 hours of material on their family, which they edited down to 12 hour-long doses. America is now viewing the end result with varying

degrees of rage, horror and masochistic pleasure.

So violent has the national controversy become around the epic "An American Family" that a stunned Mr. Gilbert has retreated into psychoanalysis. It has been described as "the ultimate soap opera," "a television landmark," "a genuine American tragedy," "a glimpse into the pit," and much more. A plaintive note sounds through all the lengthy analysis in national journals, right and left: "You mean — it asks aghast — This is *Us*?"

People are measuring their own lives against those of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Loud of Santa Barbara, California, and their five children — the family that posed, so to speak, for the portrait. The Louds have become instant celebrities, pursued by publishers and the Press, deluged with mail from across the U.S. lined up for TV talk shows, stopped by strangers in the street.

Work and play

Each week, on the federally-funded PBS TV network, the Louds can see themselves at work and play, drinking, squabbling, cradling their cars, leading the Good Life in sunny California. "It had to be California," says producer Gilbert, "because American culture is fashioned on California: any day now America will become California."

Bill Loud is 50, tall, tanned, successful, with his own machine-parts business — middle-class affluence personified. His wife Pat, 45, is less satisfied with herself and her family: a bit of a nagger. Vaguely she resembles Jacqueline

Kennedy; and oddly enough the Louds say they went into this venture imagining they would emerge as "West Coast Kennedys." Thus they see themselves. But Mr. Gilbert's camera sees otherwise.

Trouble begins in paradise with instalment two, as 19-year-old Lance, the eldest son, leaves home to join New York's homosexual community. Lance, it appears, dyed his hair silver in imitation of his idol, Andy Warhol, while only 14. He shakes up in the bohemian Chelsea Hotel with a Warhol "superstar," transvestite Holly Woodlawn.

When Mom travels cross country to visit, they hold painful colloquies about "getting a job" and "looking after your health." Ever-lengthening silences interrupt all the parents' attempts to advise or "communicate" with their children.

Matters go from bad to worse as Mr. Loud's business heads for the rocks, vast quantities of alcohol are consumed, "other women" are pursued and the 20-year-old marriage begins to fall apart before the viewer's eyes. The Louds talk it all out five-bedroom, ranch-style home; in the ultramodern, beautiful-appointed kitchen; in the Jaguar, or one of their other three cars.

At last they decide on divorce, while the cameras roll and the tape-recorder turns. And they did, indeed divorce: today Pat Loud lives with four of the children in the house she once shared with her husband. The Louds are ambivalent about what they see now on the small screen. On the one hand they accuse Gilbert of selecting all the most biz-

arre and sensational scenes for his series and leaving everything normal — "the joyous happy hours of communication and fun" — on the cutting-room floor.

"It's a caricature," says Lance Loud. "I'm shown as a swish, Dad's a stagger-on drunk." And yet he and his parents seem secretly delighted about the whole business. "I do it again," confesses Mr. Loud. "I enjoyed it, and I enjoy it when people ask me about it. I guess it's an ego trip."

Face value

Press pundits and social critics are virtually unanimous in taking Mr. Gilbert's vision at face value. The Louds are Mr. and Mrs. Contemporary California, and This Is Their Life.

If the series has any meaning at all, it is that materialism doesn't pay; that at the centre of all this American affluence is hollowness and anguish.

But is this really the way it is in today's America? Are the Louds typical of anything beyond themselves? In these questions lies the mystery and the fascination of the series. Mr. Gilbert denies that he sought out a "typical" U.S. family; but, he adds, any family living here, now is "subject to cultural pressures that are universal." America made the Louds: it therefore bears responsibility for what they are.

There is more than a germ of truth in this; but Mr. Gilbert's attempt to make "a completely honest documentary" must ultimately fail because it is based on a series of false premises. The camera itself is "dishonest": through close-up and angle it can emphasize the insignificant, or minimize the important. A good director is "dishonest": he chooses, from the mass of available material, only those moments that conform to his vision of the subject (and Mr. Gilbert didn't start with a completely open mind: he first discovered a picture of the kind of family he was seeking "described with absolute accuracy" in the pages of Californian novelist Ross Macdonald.)

Finally, the subjects are "dishonest" for who can be his natural, uninhibited self in the camera's presence — however familiar it may be?

Nor are the Louds uniquely American. Film the lives of any set of wealthy, middle-class Westerns, philistines, and you would probably come up with the correct social bias — with similar results. In fact, the Louds survive their grotesque ordeal-by-television rather well. They cope, they communicate, they are considerate and kind. Yet many Americans clearly agree with leading psychiatrist Dr. Norman Paul, who thinks the series "shows how people tune the guts out of their lives. It's today's epidemic."

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But the scientists believe mass production techniques will eventually lower the price of the remedy, called Interferon.

Interferon is a protein purified from human white blood cells infected by viruses. The substance is secreted by the cells to interfere with — or prevent — the viral infection of other cells.

"This is the first agent known to prevent cold infections in

man," the scientists reported in an article to be published today in the British doctors' magazine "Lancet."

The research was performed at the British Medical Research Council's Common Cold Unit at Salisbury, Southern England, by Dr. Thomas Merigan, chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases at Stanford Medical School in California, and by Drs. Sylvia Reed, Thomas Hall, and David Tyrrell of the Common Cold Unit.

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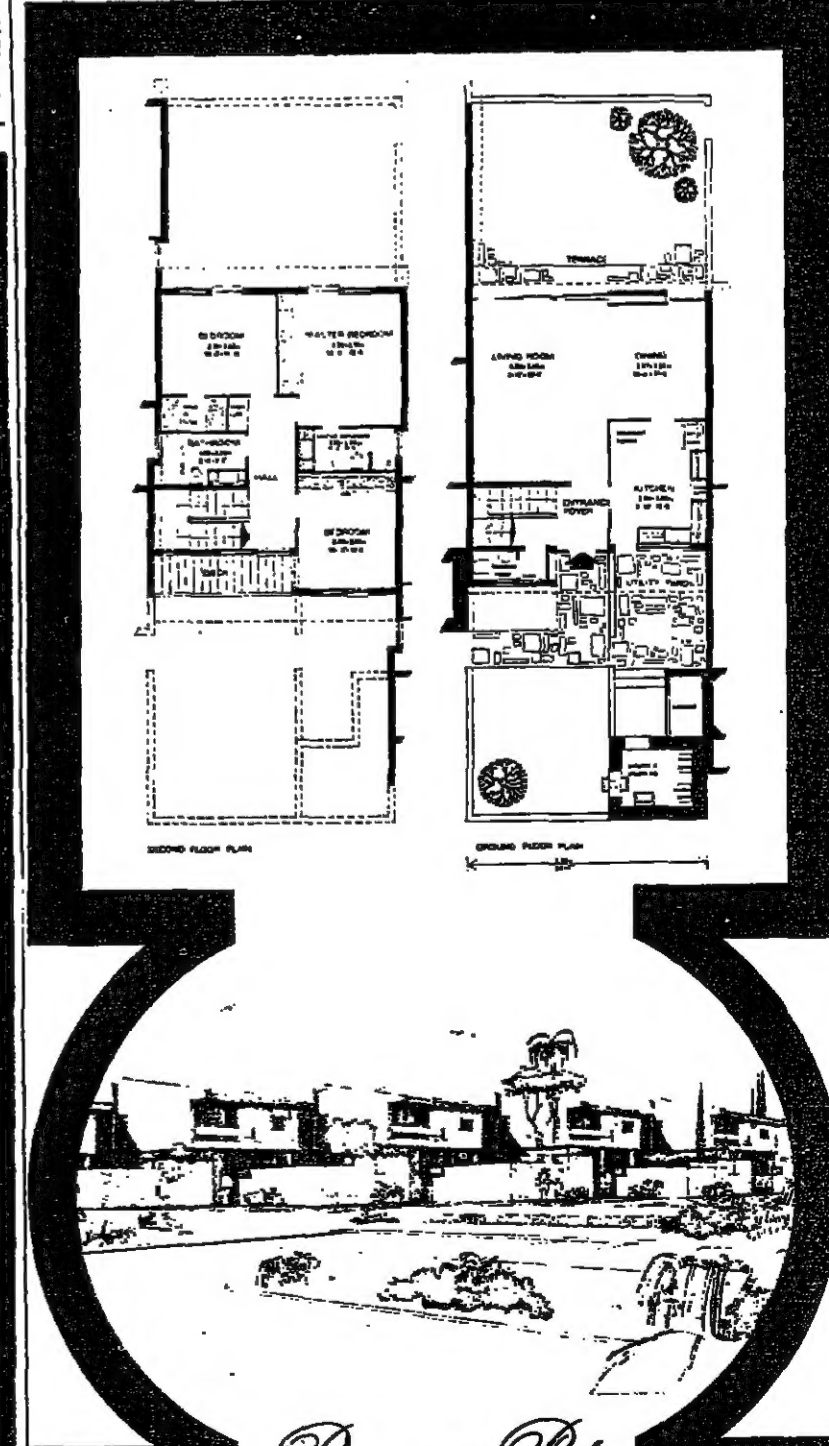
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HELPFUL VISITOR

THE Italian Foreign Minister, Mr. Giuseppe Medici, is due on a four-day visit today as the guest of our own Foreign Minister and, if past experience is anything to go by, he will have observations of interest to make on his recent visit to Cairo, and also to Saudi Arabia and the Lebanon.

It is no little credit to the faith both here and in the Arab countries in the integrity of Italian hopes for peace in the area that Mr. Medici should apparently be equally welcome here and in Egypt. He has no large-scale to disburse and no particular requests to make.

As a Mediterranean power Italy is directly and warmly interested in peace in the region, and also in the re-opening of the Suez Canal, if that is at all possible, to help maintain the shorter trade routes to such erstwhile Italian possessions as Somalia and Eritrea.

This is a style in the "even-handedness" that we have heard so much about that is very acceptable. It does not prescribe that there must be hostile criticism of Israel to keep the Arab states happy. Italy has not offered to mediate between Israel and Egypt, nor to design peace agreements. It does believe, however, that the cause of peace can be served by attempts to keep a dialogue going, indirectly if not directly. It is of the greatest value to us to hear an honest and informed estimate of the situation in Egypt. It is most equally valuable to know that an informed, undistorted estimate of our own position will in due course go back to Cairo. Egypt is once more in a state of flux and highly significant changes in the government are about to be carried out by Pres-

ident Sadat in the hope of buying time for his shaky regime. Egypt has clearly asked for help or at least understanding from the United States. It would be useful if Foreign Minister Eban or a reliable representative could go to Cairo to discover what these changes mean with respect to us. As long as that remains difficult, it is valuable to hear from such a guest as Mr. Medici how he views the situation there.

We have lived without peace with our neighbours for close on 25 years, but there are indications that peace is no longer very far off, though it may not necessarily take the accepted, classical shape of formal treaties. The cease-fire with Egypt has survived for close on three years and fighting on the other fronts is sporadic. The Fatah have sent their messengers of violence to Europe, where they can find more friends among local extremist movements than in Hebron or Gaza.

When peace does come, we shall find ourselves part of the Mediterranean basin, as well as of the Middle East. France has chosen to abdicate from the important role she might have played, in her anxiety to placate the Arab states at any cost, even that of self-respect. Greece is frozen within its own internal problems, and Spain has not altogether emerged from the cocoon it spun in the thirties.

When the accounting is made, it may well be discovered that it was Italy that made the most useful effort in this part of the world to help end the conflict in the area. If it was done in part to help re-establish Italy as a world power, that will be no less reason to value the result.

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Politics and presidency

Ha'aretz (non-party) on the Labour Party's candidate for President: "The majority decision which elected Professor Katchalski as the Labour Party's candidate should be respected. As to complaints of pressure, it should be borne in mind that these are part of the political scene, and the candidate's nomination was in accordance with the rules of decision customary in a democratic regime. In this instance, both the majority and the minority can agree that a candidate worthy of this high post was nominated."

Davar (Histadrut) refers to the conflict between Kuwait and Iraq: "The flare-up between the two countries deviates from a merely local nature and should be viewed against the background of the increase in the Soviet Union's presence in the Persian Gulf area. The Soviet Union is now trying to capture every possible position in the area, so as to be in a better bargaining position vis-a-vis the U.S. during the forthcoming summit talks in Washington."

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) on the Libyan firing at an unarmed U.S. plane: "Libya must not be allowed to continue to play havoc with air routes, nor must France be allowed to evade her responsibility for hav-

ing supplied Libya with planes." The paper adds that reluctance to act on the "Libyan ruler's irresponsible acts will increase the danger and will place a big question mark over international sea and air traffic."

Hamodia (Agudat Yisrael): "The incident should be viewed in its right proportion and should not be made into a factor causing alarm in the skies of the region. Even if Gaddafi's great madness there is a certain measure of self logic, and he will therefore not dare to attack civil aviation proceeding to and from Israel."

She'arim (Poalei Agudat Yisrael), on the movement of Moroccan troops to Syria, enumerates the motivations which might have prompted King Hassan to volunteer some of his crack troops to man the Syrian line: "He wants to polish up his image in Arab eyes and to compete with the Libyan ruler who is his arch-enemy. These steps progressively involve the Maghreb countries in the Israel-Arab conflict."

Hatzofe (National Religious Party) complains over the fact — as the paper sees it — that the settlers of Kfar Arba are obliged to struggle hard in every stage of promoting their settlement.

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Restoration of the old borders would harm the economies of both Israel and the administered territories, writes The Jerusalem Post

Economic Editor, MOSHE ATER.

Israel and the territories need each other

PEOPLE tend to underestimate the extent to which the administered territories are already integrated in the Israeli economy. Statistics show that Israel's economic growth is now vitally dependent on the productive resources of the territories, and they are no longer viable without the connection with Israel. Whatever their ultimate political status, this practical fact will have to be taken into consideration.

Israel's dependence on the territories' resources is somewhat disguised by the odd way the official statistics are presented. Though the fiction of the old "Green Line" border is maintained as a matter of principle (except for East Jerusalem, which is included in the State of Israel for statistical purposes), geography is overlooked in the case of Israeli economic activities beyond that border and they are treated as extensions of the Israeli economy irrespective of their actual location.

Thus population, investment, and output of settlements established in the territories are treated as if they were set up inside the Green Line. Tourist traffic to Mount Hermon, Ophira or Santa Katerina is included in Israel's tourism figures. Needless to say, that all military expenditure in the territories — including not only camps and fortifications, but also strategic roads, airstrips and various other installations — form part of Israel's public (defence) spending.

Sinai oil

On the other hand, Sinai oil — which is enough currently to cover four-fifths of our requirements — is sometimes presented as imported from abroad. The Golan Druze community and economy is included neither in the statistics pertaining to Israel proper nor to those of "administered territories."

As a result of this politically dictated confusion, the dimensions of the resources from the administered territories made use of by the Israeli economy are difficult to as-

ertain. But they are evidently much larger than is officially admitted. Even according to the published statistics, the GNP of the territories — excluding South Sinai and Golan — increased from 4.3 per cent of that of Israel proper in 1968, to about 6.5 per cent last year. A realistic computation may reveal that the actual figure for the entire "territories" is now at least eight per cent.

This rapid growth — far ahead even of the booming Israeli economy — has of course been promoted by the high level of business activity maintained in this country since the Six Day War, but it has also contributed to that activity by putting at its disposal tangible resources, and attracting investments, and by "housing" our trade turnover. Thus seven per cent of the aggregate increase of our exports (including invisibles) between 1968 and 1972 was contributed by the territories according to the official statistics. The forecast for 1973 is 9 per cent. However, both figures are doubtless underestimates owing to the above distortions.

Economic impact

Also, the territories officially accounted for 12 per cent of the increase in our import bill (including the Sinai oil) between 1970 and 1972. The exports and imports were both carried out in Israeli currency, but that in no way reduced their economic impact. In the current year sales to the territories may be running at, say, IL1,000m., a substantial amount by any count.

Incidentally, our sales to the territories are now exceeded by the amounts we pay over to them — largely wages of commuting workers and the cost of oil. The "positive balance of payments" we had with the territories in the first postwar years — which reached \$28m. in 1970 — is expected to turn into a negative balance of \$15m. in the current year.

But this finding — for what the statistics are worth — must be pro-



Workers from Kalkilya going to jobs in Israel.

(Rubinger)

perly understood. It only spells that we are acquiring some goods and services for paper money and that people in the administered areas are now accumulating purchasing power in local currency, which they will have to release before long on the home market, thus providing us with a fillip for more growth.

Lack of data

For lack of data, the saving in foreign currency involved in this joint development cannot be properly estimated. For oil alone it was calculated at close to \$30m. in 1971, and must be substantially bigger now, without taking into account the indirect importance of the territories for our fuel supply as a protective shield for the Eilat-Ashkelon pipeline, which alone assures us of an access to the world oil market, dominated by the Arab-OPEC cartel.

However, it is in the field of labour that the territories' contribution to our economic performance has been most noticeable. In 1971, workers commuting across the Green Line accounted for over a quarter of the additional labour force which was resorted to by our economic growth. In 1972 they accounted for over one third of the labour increment.

This labour — mostly (though not exclusively) unskilled — has been somewhat cheaper than the indigenous work force — mainly because the commuters are working on daily basis, and the fringe benefits involved are lower than for the local workers (averaging 30 per cent of the base wage, as compared with about double that much for Israeli workers). However, that has been a minor factor. What matters is that without this labour supply we would not be able to achieve the impressive growth of our GNP in recent years.

Since part of our economic growth is absorbed by the defence effort and by the investment needs of immigration, we would have been forced to forsake most of the rise that has taken place in people's living standards. As a matter of fact, while initially the commuters were employed solely in agriculture and building, they are now increasingly finding jobs in services and also in industry (including factories working for defence).

Labour experts have repeatedly forecast that the Arab labour source has been exhausted. They point to the virtual elimination of unemployment in the territories, and to the steep rise in wages paid them. But, they are likely to be proven wrong. The difference between the earnings brought home by commuters and wages paid in the territories is still very big, and the pull exercised by it is likely to release substantial labour resources currently occupied in less remunerative (and less productive) occupations.

The remarkable fact is that the economic progress now taking place in the territories is accompanied by a reduction in the number of wage-earners employed there, and even in the number of self-employed, and this process is doubtless still in its beginning. Whether we like

it or not, the modernization of Arab economy is bound to be accompanied by mass exodus of redundant rural workers, looking for urban (mainly industrial and service) jobs.

Before the Six Day War this process had been going on there on a smaller scale, and was largely directed to the oil states and overseas. Presently the free labour force is coming to Israel towns. This involves social and national strains and problems; but should this process be reversed — or even stopped — the Israeli economy would be severely handicapped.

It is no less evident that the restoration of the Green Line as a frontier obstructing the free movement of goods and people would cause an economic collapse in the territories which have by now become an adjunct to the Israeli economy, even though their inhabitants may resent it.

Open bridges

In spite of the "open bridges" policy, trade connections with Jordan have stagnated, while business links with Israel have developed rapidly. In 1971 "export" to Israel accounted for 40 per cent of outward sales of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and "imports" from Israel for 70 per cent of their total outward purchases. By now four fifths of their outward trade is carried out with Israel, which also handles most of their overseas trade.

The crucial fact, however, is the territories' dependence on the flow of earnings by commuters to Israel. In 1969 they provided 8 per cent of the GNP of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. In 1971 the figure advanced to 21 per cent, and last year 27. Currently commuting probably accounts for about one third of their GNP.

Workers commuting to Israel were about 45 per cent of the territories' total wage earners in 1972. In 1973 they may account for 55 per cent. On top of which local jobbing for orders of Israeli factories and traders has also attained substantial

volume. Altogether, one may estimate that close to one half of the territories' incomes now depend on ties with Israel.

Moreover, should these ties be severed, there is little chance of developing alternative living sources. Contrary to widespread views, this is not a result of the territories' shortage of capital. There is ample evidence of substantial funds accumulating there — both from earnings in Israel and from other sources — without being invested for lack of initiative and industrial knowhow. Though residential construction has been resumed on a large scale, and modernization of farming is making headway (under the guidance of Israeli instructors and planners), this alone is unlikely to create the jobs required in such a case.

Mass unemployment and business depression — which another partition would produce in the territories — are unlikely to be conducive to productive investments there. Rather one would expect the resumption of mass emigration and rising social ferment.

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Readers' letters

Obsolete pension agreements

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir. — When after many years of dedicated and strenuous work a man has reached pensionable age and is asked to retire, he soon finds out that the day of retirement is a black day indeed in his life: this is especially so if he held a highly responsible and relatively well-paid position.

His living standard is drastically reduced and his net income may be less than 40 per cent of what it was before, even if he reached a pension of 70 per cent of his last salary. This is due to the grave distortions caused by fringe benefits, which may have amounted to 30 per cent of his income; the cutting off of these benefits alone accounts for a reduction of the income to about 50 per cent, but as fringe benefits are fully or partly tax-free the reduction is much greater. As if this were not enough punishment for getting old, the government does everything in its power to prevent the pensioner from remaining a healthy and useful member of society. It taxes any additional income heavily, allowing no tax relief which otherwise any employee would be granted in many kinds of ways. The government also forces a pensioner to pay compulsory loans, the return of which he may not live to see, as statistically his life expectancy may be less than the two years it takes to receive the loan certificates, or the four years during which he is forbidden by law to sell these.

To crown all that, a pensioner is only paid a percentage of the cost-of-living allowance given by the

ratio of his pension to his former salary, e.g., if he receives 70 per cent and his income is, say, IL700., he receives today not an additional cost-of-living allowance of IL100 like everybody else with such an income, but only IL70., as if he were not affected by inflation, as are other people. It seems to me that this is in contradiction to the fact that the cost-of-living is not linked to a salary over IL700.

The only hope would be a quick and drastic change of pension agreements which, signed 10 or more years ago, have become obsolete under now prevailing circumstances.

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